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Acquisition of wildlife habitat in Okanogan County

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the acquisition of wildlife mitigation lands in Okanogan County, Washington to be managed by the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT). This is a mitigation program that purchases private land to be owned and managed by program participants for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of wildlife affected by the construction and operation of the Federal hydroelectric facilities on the Columbia River.

BPA is currently working with the CCT to acquire and manage two properties totaling 3,659 acres in Okanogan County, Washington. These areas include the 2,283-acre Short property, consisting of two parcels, and the 1,376-acre Redthunder property (see map below). The properties proposed for acquisition contain a variety of wildlife habitat that will provide BPA with credits for partial mitigation of wildlife habitat losses due to the construction of the Federal Columbia River Power System.

Land to get management plan

Once these lands have been acquired, the CCT will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. The public will be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the management plan. The CCT will provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the development of the management plan for this property in the future.

Pending BPA approval of management plans, no forest management, grazing or other land management activities would occur except maintenance and protection, such as weed control or fence maintenance.

For more information

If you have any questions regarding this proposal or would like additional information, please contact Doug Corkran, BPA, at (503) 230-7646 or *dfcorkran@bpa.gov*.

For information on the CCT's land acquisition or management program, you can call Richard Whitney, CCT, at (509) 722-7622; or send an e-mail to *richard.whitney@colvilletribes.com*.

Legend

Short Property	(red)
Olbright Property	(pink)
Tribal By Short's	(blue)
Redthunder Allotments	(green)
Allotment #0198	(orange hatched)
Township - Range	(black)
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