

factsheet

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Purchase of wildlife habitat in Big Meadows

The Bonneville Power Administration proposes to purchase 620 acres of wildlife land in the Big Meadows area of Upper West Branch Priest River watershed in Bonner County, Idaho.

The BPA mitigation program 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.

The property proposed for purchase supports a diversity of wildlife including moose, elk, bear and various waterfowl, and provides a variety of habitats including wetlands. This acquisition will provide BPA with credits for partial mitigation of wildlife habitat losses attributed to the construction of Albeni Falls Dam.

The land purchase is part of the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program, which acquires and restores key habitats within the larger Pend Oreille Watershed. In this case, the Kalispel Tribe will own and manage the land.

Management plan slated for land

Once these lands have been acquired, the Kalispel Tribe will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. Information regarding public involvement opportunities during the development of the management plan will be provided at a later date by the

Kalispel Tribe. Pending BPA approval of the management plan, 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 Shannon Stewart at (503) 230-5928 or scstewart@bpa.gov.

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