

factsheet

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Acquisition to protect wildlife habitat along St. Joe River

The Bonneville Power Administration proposes to fund acquisition of an 87-acre parcel of land along the St. Joe River in Benewah County, Idaho, for fish and wildlife habitat mitigation (see map). This property contains riparian, wetland and coniferous forest habitat and is home to a number of threatened and endangered species, including the nesting bald eagle and bull trout.

Acquiring this property will provide BPA with credits for partial mitigation of wildlife habitat losses due to construction and operation of the federal Albeni Falls Dam on the Pend Oreille River, a tributary of the Columbia.

The land would be owned and managed by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The tribe will continue to pay all of the standard state and county taxes on the subject mitigation property. (The information in this paragraph was revised Oct. 22, 2007.)

Land to get management plan

Once this property has been acquired, which is expected in September 2007, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe would develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of its resources. The public would be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the management plan. The tribe also would provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the further development of its 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 on the property 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, Bonneville Power Administration, at (503) 230-5928 or scstewart@bpa.gov.

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St. Joe River Mitigation Acquisition

Benewah County, Idaho

