

factsheet

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Omak Creek acquisition protects endangered salmonid habitat

The Bonneville Power Administration proposes to fund the purchase of 200 acres of land in North Central Washington to protect habitat for endangered salmon and steelhead along Omak Creek in Okanogan County.

This acquisition would protect spawning, rearing and migratory habitat of summer steelhead and spring chinook salmon. With its riparian, upland scrub and ponderosa pine forest habitats, this 200-acre parcel also supports a diversity of wildlife including mountain suckers, mottled sculpin, whitefish, black bear, mule deer, grouse, flickers, raccoons, bobcat, red-tailed hawks and beavers.

Located within the boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation, this land would be owned and managed by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. In the past the property has primarily been used for grazing. It has scattered timber and varied terrain and is accessible by an unimproved road.

Colville Tribes to manage land

Once this land had been acquired, which is expected in fall 2007, the Colville Tribes will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. The Colville Tribes will provide information about public involvement opportunities during the development of the management plan at a later date.

Pending BPA approval of the management plan, no forest management, grazing or other land management activities would occur on the property, with the exception of maintenance and protection activities, such as weed control or fence maintenance.

For more information

If you have any questions regarding this land purchase or would like additional information, please contact Michelle O'Malley with the Bonneville Power Administration at (503) 230-5138 or mmomalley@bpa.gov.

For information on the Colville Tribes' land acquisition or management programs, you can contact Rhonda Dasher with the Colville Tribes at (509) 422-7439 or rhonda.dasher@colvilletribes.com.



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Okanogan County, Washington

