

factsheet

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Lower Pack River acquisition protects habitat in Northern Idaho

The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the acquisition of a 0.74 acre parcel of land along the Lower Pack River in Northern Idaho for wildlife habitat mitigation (see map).

Located in Bonner County, the property provides riparian, forested wetland and upland habitats for waterfowl and game species and contributes to the long-term plan of providing a safe movement corridor for wildlife along the Lower Pack River. The Lower Pack River also provides migratory habitat for threatened bull trout.

This parcel is adjacent to a larger property already purchased under the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program. Acquiring this property would 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.

The property would be owned and managed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and incorporated in to the Pend Oreille Wildlife Management Area. As owner of the property, Idaho Fish and Game would pay a fee in lieu of taxes to Bonner County.

Land to get management plan

Once this property has been acquired, which is expected in fall 2007, Idaho Fish and Game will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat resources on the property. The public will be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the management plan.

Pending BPA approval of the management plan, 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 Rachel Rounds with the Bonneville Power Administration at (503) 230-3967 or rrounds@bpa.gov.

For information on the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's mitigation acquisition program or wildlife management program, contact Kathy Cousins with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208) 769-1414 or kcousins@idfg.idaho.gov.



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