

factsheet

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Acquisition to protect wildlife habitat in Idaho's Kootenai County

The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the acquisition of approximately 600 acres of land in northern Idaho for wildlife habitat mitigation. The land is located along State Route 97, about seven miles southeast of Harrison near the junction of State Route 97 and State Route 3 (see map).

Located in Kootenai County, the property is dominated by conifer forests, grassland meadows, open water ponds, emergent wetlands and shrub-scrub wetlands. This parcel of land includes about two miles of perennial and intermittent streams as well as steep canyons and rock outcroppings. Wildlife that will benefit from the proposed acquisition include elk, moose, white-tailed deer, coyote, waterfowl and raptors.

Acquiring this 600-acre parcel 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 Coeur d'Alene Tribe. As owner of the property, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe would pay all applicable land taxes.

Land to get management plan

If this proposed property is acquired, which is expected in August 2008, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe would develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. The public would be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the management plan. The Coeur D'Alene Tribe would provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the development of the management plan for this property in the future.

Pending BPA approval of the management plan, no management activities would occur on the property except maintenance and protection.

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 toll free at (800) 282-3713 or e-mail rarounds@bpa.gov.

For information on the Coeur d'Alene's mitigation acquisition program or wildlife management program, contact Anders Mikkelsen with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe at (208) 686-8902 or e-mail amikkelsen@cdatribe-nsn.gov.



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