

factsheet

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Acquisition to protect wildlife habitat in Idaho's Power County

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the acquisition of approximately 148 acres of land in southeast Idaho near Pocatello, Idaho for wildlife habitat mitigation (see map).

Located in Power County on the Fort Hall Reservation, the land is bisected by Bannock Creek, a perennial stream which flows from the east side of the Deep Creek Mountains and into American Falls reservoir. The property includes upland riparian and wetland habitats. The site provides habitat for a variety of wildlife, including waterfowl, bald eagles, many species of birds, mule and whitetail deer, muskrat, beaver, mink, river otter and a variety of other small game.

The acquisition would transfer this property from private non-tribal deeded land on the Fort Hall Reservation to tribal land. It would also provide BPA with credits for partial mitigation of wildlife habitat losses due to construction of the federal Palisades Dam on the South Fork of the Snake River and Minadoka Dam on the main stem Snake River.

Land to get management plan

The land is expected to be acquired in fall 2008. It would be owned and managed by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes would develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the land. The public will be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the management plan as it is being developed.

For more information

If you have questions about this proposal or would like additional information, please contact Dorie Welch, BPA, at (503) 230-5479 or toll free at (800) 282-3713 or dwwelch@bpa.gov. You may also contact Mike Haddix, SBT, at (208) 239-4558 or haddix@shoshonebannocktribes.com.



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