

factsheet

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Land acquisitions benefit waterfowl habitat in northern Idaho

The Bonneville Power Administration is working with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to acquire and manage two parcels of land in northern Idaho to preserve, protect and restore habitat for fish and wildlife.

The first property consists of 49 acres of floodplain in Kootenai County, adjacent to Lane Marsh in the Lower Coeur d'Alene River Valley. Acquisition of this parcel will add to the land base of the Coeur d'Alene Wildlife Management Area, increasing its size to approximately 5,800 acres. The property is seasonally flooded by Robinson Creek, and it contains pristine habitat for tundra swans, American widgeon, pintails and other migratory birds. White-tailed deer, elk and black bear are also common in the area.

The second property is a 67-acre parcel on the west bank of the Pack River in the Pend Oreille watershed in Bonner County. Acquisition of this property will add to the land base of the Pend Oreille River Wildlife Management Area. The area is important to migrating and wintering waterfowl including redheads, mergansers, common goldeneye and ring-necked ducks. Bald eagles use the area as they migrate south, and it is also an important nesting area for ospreys. Three species listed under the Endangered Species Act – grizzly bear, lynx and bull trout – also use this habitat. White-tailed deer, moose, elk, black bear, snowshoe hare and ruffed grouse are also found in the region.

Land to get management plan

The properties are expected to be acquired in fall 2009. If acquired, both properties would be owned and managed by Idaho Department of Fish and Game as part of adjacent wildlife management areas.

These land acquisitions would provide BPA with partial habitat mitigation for the construction and operation of Albeni Falls Dam in accordance with the Albeni Falls Wildlife Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement Plan.

If you have questions about these proposals or would like additional information, contact Lee Watts of BPA at (503) 230-4625, (800) 282-3713 or vlwatts@bpa.gov. You may also contact Katherine Cousins of IDFG at (208) 769-1414 or kathy.cousins@idfg.idaho.gov.



Albeni Falls Acquisitions

