

Comment Submission 4

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Would you add the address for Joan Jones

Also, I think you misspelled Mr. Dave Baker's name in your addition. You have him listed as Barker.

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Some additional comments we (BPA) had written down during the public meetings include:

- * Will construction of the line affect the hunting season in Wanaket Wildlife Area? ... 4-1
* Concern raised about potential future location of transmission line associated with Wanapa project. 4-2
* Mechanical trades should be sourced from the union hall. 4-3
* Marcella Cate and Joan Jones own the gravel pit at the junction of Hwy 12 and Hwy 730. ... 4-4
* Concern raised about use of water from deep aquifer. 4-5

I forwarded the letter from Mr. Stuart Bonney and Mr. K. D. Peterson regarding impacts to their land to Michelle Doiron and Lou Driessen.

From a discussion I had with Mr. Bob Bachman, air quality specialist with the US Forest Service, the following comments were gleaned:

- * There are existing documented adverse ecosystem impacts in the Columbia Gorge to vegetation and lichens from deteriorated air quality.
* Visibility impairment in many Class I airsheds in the northwest currently exceeds 10%. 4-6
* Some tribes have contacted the USFS and requested help in protecting cultural resources. ...

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Responses to Comment Submission 4, Comments from Public Meetings

- 4-1. Based on proposed construction schedules and discussions with representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (manager of the hunting area), construction related to the Wallula Power Project will not impact hunting seasons in the Wanaket Wildlife Area.
- 4-2. The Wanapa Energy Center is proposed for interconnection at McNary Substation, 3.5 miles west of the project site. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is preparing an EIS on the Wanapa Project and Bonneville is participating as a cooperating agency. The transmission line route from Wanapa to McNary Substation is unknown at present, but will be identified in the Wanapa project Draft EIS scheduled for publication in December 2002.
- 4-3. Although no specific agreement to use local union labor has been made, mechanical trades could be sourced from the union hall if and when appropriate. In addition, Duke Energy, the company retained by Bonneville to construct transmission lines in the Pacific Northwest, has indicated that they will rely almost entirely on local workers and suppliers during construction and upgrade of Bonneville facilities (including the McNary-John Day transmission line). Duke Energy has also indicated that they are committed to using minority- and women-owned businesses during completion of Bonneville projects.
- 4-4. Bonneville's proposed transmission line right-of-way may impact property owned by Marcella Cate and Joan Jones. It has been noted that gravel may be available from this ownership.
- 4-5. The deep groundwater use for this project would be in accordance with an existing groundwater use permit that was issued to the Port of Walla Walla in 1996 and is in good standing. It is possible that the local use of the groundwater could adversely affect the nearby Iowa Beef Processors well because the screen in that well was recently lowered, suggesting the well may be marginally adequate for its current use. The applicant has agreed to monitor the groundwater in this well to remedy any adverse impact that would result from the groundwater withdrawal for the project. Please see Chapter 3 of this Final EIS under Section 3.3, "Water Resources," for an updated discussion of groundwater issues.
- 4-6. Thank you for your comments. Please refer to responses to comment submission 16.