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### **To: People interested in the Albeni Falls-Sand Creek Transmission Line project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is committed to providing reliable, low-cost transmission products and services to the region. In order to provide that service, a section of the Albeni Falls-Sand Creek transmission line is in need of pole replacements and other upgrades that will improve the reliability of the line. Upon completion, this project will assure safe and reliable service to customers in the north Idaho area.

Maintenance will require about 340 wood poles to be replaced along about 25 miles of the existing transmission line. The project area is located on existing right-of-way from the Albeni Falls Dam to one mile north of BPA's Sandpoint Substation. In addition, seventeen miles of the line will be reconducted to a larger conductor. Although construction would not begin until 2008 or 2009, BPA employees or contractors will be in the area performing various activities in support of the project as early as this spring.

#### **Schedule and environmental review**

Noxious weed surveys will be conducted within the project area before construction begins. A private company under contract to BPA will conduct a survey along the right-of-way and access roads sometime between mid-May and mid-July 2007. A cultural resources survey of the project area will be conducted in mid-May or June of 2007. During 2007, the transmission line will also be reviewed for danger trees. In addition, BPA will analyze any potential environmental impacts of the pole replacement activities beginning this summer.

#### **Construction Schedule**

Some existing access roads will be upgraded beginning in August and continuing through September 2007. Some construction machinery will be in the area during this time. Construction on the line will begin in 2008 or 2009. You will receive updates as we get closer to construction. If additional land rights are needed for construction, a BPA land representative will be contacting you.

#### **For More Information**

Project information is available on BPA's Transmission Services Web site at [http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/).

If you have questions about this project or how it may impact your property, you may call our toll-free line at (888) 276-7790 or Mari Rosales, realty specialist at (509) 321-2226. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

*/S/ Kirk Robinson*

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