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Washington Fish and Wildlife Office
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Lacey, Washington 98503

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Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) would like to inform you of the initiation of the 30-day public scoping period for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act. The proposed project under review is the Radar Ridge Wind Project near Naselle, Washington. For this EIS, the USFWS is the lead agency and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is the cooperating agency.

Radar Ridge LLC intends to prepare a Habitat Conservation Plan and apply for an incidental take permit for the marbled murrelet, a bird under the protection of the Endangered Species Act. If granted, this permit would authorize the incidental take of marbled murrelet for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Radar Ridge Wind Project. The project would consist of up to 32 wind turbines with a total generating capacity of 82 megawatts of electricity. Power generated by the wind turbines would be transmitted to an existing BPA substation at Naselle, Washington.

We have scheduled two public scoping meetings. The public scoping meetings are intended to inform interested parties of the Radar Ridge Wind Project and gather public input that will facilitate the development of the EIS.

The public scoping meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 7 to 9 PM at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office at 510 Desmond Drive, Lacey, Washington, 98503
- Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 7 to 9 PM at Naselle High School, 793 State Route 4, Naselle, Washington, 98638

We encourage you to attend these meetings. However, if you can't attend, you can still provide comments on the Radar Ridge Wind Project at the following email address:

radarridgewindproject@fws.gov. USFWS is accepting all comments through June 28, 2010, on the scope of the EIS, the range of alternatives, and the impacts that should be analyzed.

For further information on the Radar Ridge Wind Project, please call Jim Michaels at (360) 753-7767 or Mark Ostwald at (360) 753-9564. Information on the project is also available at www.fws.gov/wafwo.

Sincerely,

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