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To: People Interested in the Springfield Sockeye Hatchery Project

Action: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) document and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for BPA's support of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Springfield Sockeye Hatchery Project

Copies Available: If you would like to receive a copy of the Final EA/FONSI, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. It is also available on the Internet at http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Springfield_Sockeye_Hatchery/

Proposal: BPA is proposing to fund the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) Springfield Sockeye Hatchery Project (project). The project would involve modification to an existing hatchery facility located near the town of Springfield, Idaho, in Bingham County. With funding provided by BPA, IDFG would convert the existing hatchery into a facility capable of rearing up to 1 million juvenile Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*). This project is part of a larger effort to restore endangered Snake River sockeye salmon to the Stanley, Salmon and Sawtooth Basin in central Idaho using information and techniques developed as part of IDFG's Snake River Sockeye Salmon Captive Broodstock Program.

Background: BPA and the IDFG announced the proposed project on May 27, 2011, and a scoping letter was sent to potentially affected individuals, government agencies, organizations, and groups interested in, or affected by, the project. BPA received feedback on the Proposed Action from three people through letters and emails.

A preliminary EA that addressed all comments received during scoping was issued for additional public review and comment on December 13, 2011. Five comments were received before the closing of the 30-day comment period. BPA addressed all comments received and incorporated them into the final EA. BPA issued a FONSI on May 3, 2012.

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental lead for the project, Jenna Peterson; toll free at (800) 282-3713 or at (503) 230-3018; or by e-mail jepeterson@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in our work.

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