

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
BPA Grandview-Red Mt. Transmission Line Easement**

**Description of proposal:** 115kV bypass line, switch upgrade to be constructed to BPA's existing 115kV Grandview-Red Mt. transmission line. BPA proposes to rebuild and reconfigure a disconnect switch system along the Grandview-Red Mountain No. 1 Transmission Line at Prosser Tap. The Prosser Tap Switches are located on the north side of West Snipes Road and east of North Hinzerling Road approximately six miles north of the city of Prosser, WA. The existing switches are over 70 years old and have reached their end of service life. This CX has been updated to reflect easement acquisition on Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - managed lands. BPA proposes to remove the existing switch at structure 1/2 and construct a new switch on a permanent bypass, which would be located along the north side of the Grandview-Red Mountain No. 1 Transmission Line. The legs of the old switch stand and platform would be cut off just below the surface and the footings would be left in place. A temporary shoofly consisting of six wood poles with guys on five of them would be installed to keep the city of Prosser energized during construction. These poles would be installed in new holes and be in place for approximately six weeks.

**Proponent:** Bonneville Power Authority

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:**

The Prosser Tap Switches are located on the north side of West Snipes Road and east of North Hinzerling Road approximately six miles north of the city of Prosser, WA. Legal Description: A 50-foot wide transmission line easement located in the SW ¼ of Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 24 East, W.M., Benton County.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

**There is no comment period for this DNS**

**This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 27, 2024. Comments must be submitted by April 10, 2024.**

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There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.