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September 1, 2011

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Re: Submittal of Notification of Intent and Pre-Application Document for Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 13680

Dear Ms. Bose,

This is to notify the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that Bryant Mountain, LLC (Applicant) intends to file for an original license for the proposed Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 13680 (Project). United Power Corporation is the major partner of Bryant Mountain LLC and is responsible to prepare the license application.

The required information for the Notification of Intent (NOI) and the Pre-Application Document (PAD) are attached with this submittal. Copies of NOI and PAD are being mailed to all state and federal agencies related with the project and stakeholders as listed in section 8 of the NOI.

The applicant was issued a Preliminary Permit on September 24, 2010 to conduct a feasibility study of the potential of a hydroelectric pumped storage facility near the town of Malin in Klamath County in Oregon. The applicant has evaluated the feasibility and economic potential for the proposed project. The first phase of the licensing process is the preparation of the pre-application document which is included with this submittal and also being sent to state agencies and interested stakeholders.

Bryant Mountain, LLC respectfully petitions the FERC to license the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Project using the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). The applicant believes that the default Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) would not be beneficial to stakeholders of the project financially and would not serve their best interests. The TLP would be more appropriate, cost effective and efficient method for proceeding with the licensing of this project. Pursuant to CFR 18 Section 5.3, the following considerations are being noted:

(A) Likelihood of Timely Issuance

The ILP is an intensive process that involves scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), study plan development, dispute resolution, study plan implementation, and application development. The ILP imposes a stringent timeline on the licensing process and unnecessarily places significant demand on state agencies and stakeholders to meet rigid deadlines. Any failure to meet the deadline could set the project back to several months or years and even cancellation of the project. Because of the foregoing impediments the Applicant believes the TLP would allow both the applicant and resource agencies to complete the licensing process in a more timely manner.

(B) Complexity of the Resource Issues

The Applicant believes that the TLP would better facilitate the licensing process forward than the ILP. Resource issues of this project are minimal being an offstream project compared to other projects of this scale. Likelihood of significant disputes with agencies and stakeholders are minimal and the TLP would allow focusing on the issue resolution more effectively than burdened with additional pre-resolution requirements under the ILP.

(C) Level of Anticipated Controversy

The Applicant believes that the requirements can be met in a timely manner and meet the requirements of Federal Power Act and anticipate low level of controversy based on the responses and information from stakeholders.

(D) Relative Costs of the TLP compared to the ILP

The Applicant believes that the TLP would be more economical and cost effective for this project than ILP. The licensing process would proceed at significantly reduced costs and alleviate labor intensive scoping of the project and burden on resource agencies.

(E) The Amount of Available Information and Potential for Significant Disputes over Studies

The Applicant is committed to conduct necessary studies regarding effective evaluation of all relevant issues and anticipates no significant disputes over studies.

(F) Other Factors Believed by the Applicant to be Pertinent

- 1. The Applicant believes that the default ILP would not serve the stakeholders best interests and the TLP would be more cost effective and efficient process for proceeding with the license application.
- 2. As required by the FERC regulation, the applicant is providing a copy of the submittal to all stakeholders as listed in Section 8 of the attached NOI.

The Applicant respectfully requests to grant the TLP in the licensing of this project. As provided in 18CFR Section 5.3 of the regulations, all comments on this request must be filed with the FERC within 30 days of the filing date (September 1, 2011) and must reference FERC Project No. 13680. Respondents may submit comments electronically (<u>www.ferc.gov</u>) or by sending an original and eight copies to the following address:

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First St NE Washington, DC 20426

Finally, as required under 18CFR Section 5.3 of the FERC's regulations, the applicant will publish notice of this request in the appropriate newspaper and file a copy of this notice with the FERC upon publication.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Bart O'Keeffe at 925-634-1550 or <a href="mailto:bmokeeffe@sbcglobal.net">bmokeeffe@sbcglobal.net</a>.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Notification of Intent and Pre-Application Document for the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project

### NOTIFICATION OF INTENT

#### BRYANT MOUNTAIN PUMPED STORAGE

#### HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

#### FERC PROJECT NO. 13680

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to Section 5.5 of the Commission's regulations, and in response to Paragraph 6 of the Preliminary Permit issued to the Bryant Mountain LLC for the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Project, FERC Project No. 13680.

(1) The potential applicant name and address:

Bryant Mountain LLC P.O. Box 1916 Discovery Bay, CA 94505 Phone (925) 634-1550

(2) The Project Number

13680

(3) The license expiration date:

None assigned

(4) Statement Intention:

It is the intent of the applicant to file an application for an original license for the proposed Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Project. The proposed schedule for completion of the application is September 1, 2013.

(5) The type of principal project works licensed, if any, such as dam, and reservoir, powerhouse or transmission lines.

Currently existing on the site are the following facilities owned by others:

Three steel transmission lines, two electrical substations (the Malin Substation and the Capt. Jack Substation), an irrigation canal, a reservoir (Pope Reservoir) and various water wells.

To be added with the proposed Bryant Mountain Pumped storage Project are the following facilities:

An upper reservoir with dam, a lower reservoir with dam connected by a tunnel, A five unit powerhouse and transmission line. Additional details on the existing and proposed facilities are presented in the accompanying PAD document.

Also adjacent to the pumped storage facility is a large wind farm to be built by others.

(6) The location of the project by state, county nearby towns and stream.

State:	Oregon
County:	Klamath
Nearby Towns:	Klamath Falls (35 miles, Pop. 19,900)
	Malin (5 miles, Pop 500)
Stream:	USBR "D" Canal

(7) The installed plant capacity:

The installed capacity at the proposed Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Powerhouse is 12, 500 kilowatts.

- (8) The names and address of the people and organizations listed in this paragraph have a significant interest in the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Project and will be provided with a copy of this Notice Of Intent and the accompanying Pre-Application Document.
- (8)(i) Counties:

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Bryant Mountain FERC Project No. 13680 Page 14 (8)(e) The Bryant Mountain LLC requests to be designated as the Commission's non-Federal Representative for the purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations there under. The Bryant Mountain LLC also requests authorization to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations of 36 CFR 800.2©(4).

# BRYANT MOUNTAIN PUMPED STORAGE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

# FERC PROJECT NO. 13680

**Pre-Application Document** 

Prepared By: United Power Corporation P.O. Box 1916 Discovery Bay, CA 94505

On behalf of: Bryant Mountain, LLC September 2011

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Bryant Mountain LLC is filing the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the proposed Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project no. 13680. The project is a 1,250 MW pumped storage hydroelectric plant located in Klamath County, Oregon on privately owned lands and lands owned by Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Bryant Mountain filed for a preliminary permit for this project on March 1, 2010. FERC issued the preliminary permit on September 24, 2010 and this permit will expire on September 1, 2013. The Commission (FERC) expects that Bryant Mountain LLC will carry out prefiling consultation and study development leading to the development of a license application.

This document initiates the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) pursuant to Commission's regulations. The request for using the TLP is included in the transmittal letter. The permittee reached out to several stakeholders and state agencies to ascertain potential impacts associated with this project. The permittee believes that the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) would not the best interests of the stakeholders and TLP would be more appropriate and efficient process for licensing the project.

This document describes physical features of the project, location, and environmental interaction with the development of the project. It also documents proposals for future investigations, studies, and operation of the project. The detail features of the project may change based on data obtained from future investigations.

#### 1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the PAD is to provide preliminary project details, project boundary, immediate impact area, and environmental impacts to stakeholders and state and federal agencies. The document follows requirements of 18 CFR Sections 5.5 and 5.6 and is organized as shown on the Table of Contents.

#### 2,0 PROJECT LOCATION, FACILITIES AND OPERATION

- 2.1 Name and Address of Contact Persons
  - 2.1.1 Project Location:

State	Oregon
County	Klamath
Nearby Town	Klamath Falls
Body of Water	Upper Klamath Lake
·	USBR "D" Canal

2.1.2 Primary Contact Person

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- 2.2 Maps, Drawings and Photographs. (Refer to Tabs)
- 2.3 Description of Proposed Project Facilities and Components

**Project Location** 

The site selected for the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Project is located in Klamath County, Oregon, some forty miles southeast of the town of Klamath Falls (population 66,000), some three miles northeast of the town of Malin (population (500), and approximately two miles north of the California-Oregon border,

The project is further located within:

T41S, R12E, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 14, 21, 22. and 23 T40S, R12E, Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36 T40S, R13E, Sections 30, 31 and 32 T41S, .R13E, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 18 This project may be found on the USGS 7-1/2' quads for Malin and for Bryant Mountain.

This location was selected because it has all of the prerequisites required for a successful pumped storage facility. These include: (1) an adequate dependable water supply, (2) significant changes in topography within a short distance, (3) accessible to large electrical transmission lines, and (4) located in an area of minimal environmental constraints. Each of these items is discussed briefly in the following paragraphs.

The project will be a 1,250 Megawatt pumped storage facility. This quantity of electricity will provide power for some 1,250,000 homes any where it may be needed in the regions served by the Pacific Northwest - Pacific Southwest Intertie.

Following the general pumped storage concepts, the project will have an upper reservoir and a lower reservoir. A tunnel will connect the two reservoirs, with a powerhouse located at the lower end of the tunnel. During periods of low demand (midnight hours) surplus economical electricity will be used to drive the reversible pump-turbines in the powerhouse. These pumps will move water from the lower reservoir into the upper reservoir. During periods of peaking high demand water is released from the upper reservoir, through the generators in the powerhouse into the lower reservoir producing valuable needed peaking electricity for consumption. This mode of operation will be generally followed on a daily schedule with some modifications for weekends and holidays.

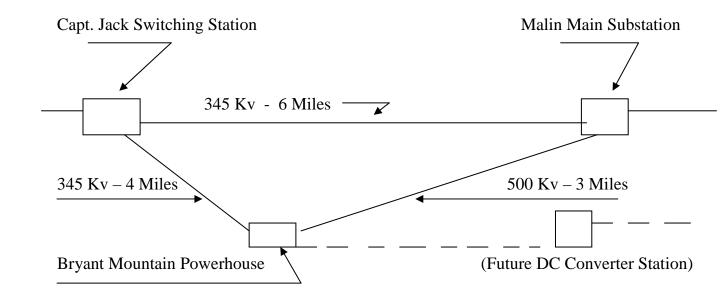
The project is immediately adjacent to a proposed wind turbine facility. The pumped storage facility and the wind turbine facility will directly compliment and support each other. The wind turbine facility will produce variable quantities of electricity when the wind is available. The pumped storage facility transforms this variable electricity to high demand reliable electricity, always available on demand.

#### 2.3.1 Transmission Lines

The proposed Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Facility lies immediately adjacent to the high voltage transmission corridor occupied by the Pacific Southwest Intertie. The transmission corridor contains lines of both 500,000 volts and 345,000 volts. Located three miles south of the project along this transmission corridor is the Malin Main Substation; a major substation on the Pacific Southwest Intertie. Transmission lines from the project will be either 500,000 volts or 345,000 volts and may join the Pacific Southwest Intertie at the Malin Substation. An alternative routing could be to join the Pacific Southwest Intertie at the Captain Jack switching station located 4 miles northwest of the project. The transmission lines for this station pass by the project within 1500 feet of the powerhouse.

Also it should be noted that the main lines of the Pacific Northwest -Pacific Southwest Intertie passes through the upper reservoir. These lines will have to be rerouted around the reservoir, or the towers will have to be extended to provide the proper clearance between the lines and the reservoir surface.

Future plans include a DC high voltage transmission line from the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Facility to the Harry Allen Substation switchyard north of Las Vegas, Nevada. An alignment study for this line has been completed and impacted land owners have been interviewed.



2.3.1 Transmission Line – Single Line Diagram

#### 2.3.2 Upper Reservoir

The upper reservoir will be an enlargement of the existing Pope Reservoir located in Section 25, T40S R12E; Sections 30, 31 and 32, T40S, R13E; and Section 5, and 6, T41S R13E. The enlarged reservoir will have a surface elevation of 5500 ft MSL and a surface area of approximately 475 acres, with an

average depth of 70 feet and a storage capacity of 30,000 acre feet. An earthen dam will contain the reservoir. The dam will be approximately 2700 feet long and 270 feet high at its maximum section. The dam will also have an overflow spillway and outlet facility to release water into the stream below the dam. Releases and overflow from the dam will follow natural channels, terminating in the lower reservoir.

The upper reservoir will contain intake facilities for the power tunnel, and will have the facilities to store an additional amount of water to provide for a black start capability. It will also continue to perform the existing water storage function that the basin presently serves, receiving local runoff water and storing it for required uses downstream.

A photograph of the existing Pope Reservoir is shown in Figure No.4 in Paragraph 2.2 of this report.

#### 2.3.3 Access Roads

The upper reservoir area is served with an existing access road. This road will have a total length of 4.7 miles, including 3.7 miles along an existing alignment. The road will have to be significantly upgraded to accommodate project traffic. The road is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

A paved secondary highway passes adjacent to the lower reservoir. It is adequate for project purposes. A paved side road three miles long will have to be constructed between this existing road and the project powerhouse.

#### 2.3.4 Power Tunnels

The power tunnels will connect the upper reservoir to the powerhouse at the lower reservoir. They will consist of a low pressure power tunnel, a surge shaft, a power shaft, and a high pressure tunnel. These are shown on the Tunnel Profile drawings, in Section 2.4 of this report.

The low pressure power tunnel runs from the upper reservoir intake structure to the surge shaft - power shaft. It is 2900 feet long and 32 feet in diameter.

The location of the surge shaft / power shaft is at the intermediate butte located between the upper and lower reservoirs. This butte provides high enough natural ground elevation to make an ideal location for a surge facility. The surge shaft leads up from the low pressure power tunnel to the ground location at the intermediate butte. The surge shaft is 270 feet deep and 32 feet in diameter. The location of the power shaft is below the surge shaft, and extends down to the high pressure tunnel. It is 1100 feet long and 32 feet in diameter.

The High pressure power tunnel runs from the power shaft to the powerhouse. It is 3800 feet long and 32 feet in diameter.

#### 2.3.5 Powerhouse

The powerhouse will be a partial subterranean structure constructed adjacent to the lower reservoir. As access will be directly from the surface, and the roof of the powerhouse will be at or slightly above the ground surface, it is considered a surface powerhouse. A channel will connect the deepest portion of the reservoir to the powerhouse intake.

The powerhouse will contain a total of five units. Configured as follows: Three (3) will be standard 250 MW reversible pump-turbine units, two (2) will be variable speed 250 MW reversible pump-turbines. Dependable capacity will be 1,250

Megawatts. Average daily generation will be six hours during peaking times, the monthly energy production will be 225,000 Mw-Hr, and the annual energy production will be 2,700,000 Mw-Hr.

The units will be designed to operate in unison with each other or to function independently.

#### 2.3.6 Lower Reservoir

The lower reservoir will be a new facility located at the foot of Bryant Mountain about 2 miles northeast of the town of Malin, in T41S, R12E Sections 1, 12, and 13 and T41S, R13E Sections 7 and 18. The reservoir will have a surface elevation of 4210 ft MSL and a surface area of approximately 590 acres, with an average depth of 60 feet and a storage capacity of 35,000 acre feet. An earthen dam will contain the reservoir. The dam will be approximately 13,800 feet long and 110 feet high at its maximum section.

Photographs of the reservoir site are shown in Figures No.2 & 3 Paragraph 2.2 of this report.

#### 2.3.7 Water Supply Line

In the pumped storage concept, the same water is cycled from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir and then back to the lower reservoir. The same water

can be used an indefinite number of times. Thus, the only water required is that is necessary to fill the lower reservoir for the first time and that necessary to replace water lost through seepage and evaporation. For the Bryant Mountain Project the water to initially charge the reservoirs and to provide makeup for seepage and evaporation losses will be obtained from the "D" Canal, approximately 1-1/2 miles east of the town of Malin. It is understood that the canal and its water are a joint operation of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Klamath Irrigation District (KID). The concurrence of both organizations will be necessary to use the facility and its water for project purposes. It is further understood that there is excess water available in the system to accommodate the Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Facility. Adequate time exists when the canal is not being used to capacity to initially fill the Lower Reservoir and to provide water to replace seepage and evaporation losses. Also the proposed project can help alleviate local ground water problems by using KID seepage water as project makeup water.

A small pumping plant and pipeline will be provided from the "D" Canal up to the lower reservoir. It is currently estimated that this will be a 36 inch diameter pipe, 7,000 foot pipeline. This pipeline passes through the Malin Irrigation District. The District now irrigates using flood irrigation techniques. The project pipeline provides the District with the opportunity to pressurize their system and use the much more efficient sprinkler irrigation techniques. To accommodate this a water storage tank will be placed adjacent to the project lower reservoir.

2.3.8 Wells

There is reportedly a significant ground water aquifer beneath the Bryant Mountain Project. The Project developers intend to apply for permits to utilize existing wells and several new wells to supply water for the Bryant Mountain Project. These wells will be used to help alleviate the high ground water that contributes to seepage problems in the area. The wells will be used to augment the USBR "D" Canal as may be required.

2.3.9 Area of Impact

The following project features will impact the acreage shown.

Transmission Lines	180 Acres
Upper Reservoir	80 Acres
Access Roads	36 Acres
Power Tunnels	7 Acres
Lower Reservoir	800 Acres
Water Supply Line	5 Acres
Wells	1 Acre

2.3.10 Project Statistics

The following statistics were developed during the initial development of

the project. They are given to provide the reviewer a concept of the project. The values are expected to change somewhat as the design and project evaluation proceeds.

Transmission Line Capacity Length		- 500,000 volts AC - 4 miles	
Uppe	r Reservoir Dam Height (Max.) Dam Length Reservoir Volume Surface Elevation Surface Area	- 270 feet - 2,700 feet - 30,000 acre-ft - 5,500 feet MSL - 475 acres	
Acces	ss Road Total Length Existing Alignment Surface	- 4.7 miles - 3.7 miles - Gravel	
Low Pressur	e Tunnel Quantity Length Diameter Lining Capacity	- 1 - 2,900 feet - 34 feet - Concrete - 15,000 cfs	
Surge Shaft			
	Quantity Length Diameter Lining Capacity	- 1 - 270 feet - 30 feet - Concrete - 15,000 cfs	
Power Shaft			
	Quantity Length Diameter Lining Capacity	- 1 - 800 feet - 32 feet - Concrete - 15,000 cfs	
Power Tunne	el Quantity Length Diameter Lining	- 1 - 3800 feet - 34 feet - Concrete	

Powerhouse			
i owennouse	Туре	- Surface	
	Number of Units	- 5	
	Units	C	
	Standard Reversible	-3 @ 250 M	W
	Variable Speed Reversible-2 @ 250 MW		
	Total Capacity	- 1,250 meg	awatts
	Head	- 1,290 feet	
	Length	- 325 feet	
	Height	- 200 feet	
	Width	- 100 feet	
Lower Rese	rvoir		
	Dam Height	- 110 feet	
	Dam Length	- 13,800 fee	t
	Reservoir Volume	- 30,000 acr	e-ft
	Surface Elevation	,	MSL
	Surface Area	- 590 acres	
Emorgonov	Response Time		
Lineigency	Unit generating under loa	Ч	- 1 to 5 Sec
	Unit generating on stand		- 10 Sec
	Unit at no-load synchronous speed		- 15 Sec
	Unit pumping - drop load		- 15 Sec
	Unit idle		- 2 Min.
	Unit pumping - reverse di	rection	
	& begin generating		- 10 Min.
	Energy Production		
• •	ith a full upper reservoir Energy Production for 24	Чre	- 30,000 MW-Hr
•	hly Energy Production@ 6		,
	al Energy Production @ 6 F		- 2,700,000 Mw-
,			_,,

- 15,000 cfs

Hr

#### 2.4 Project Operations

Capacity

With the emphasis on new electrical generation now shifting to renewable resources such as wind and solar the role of pumped storage is changing. The role of storage and system reliability has become more important. For this reason the reservoirs of the Bryant Mountain Project have been made larger than traditional pumped storage facilities. Instead of the usual 10 to 12 hours of

generating time, Bryant Mountain will have 24 hours of generating time at full capacity.

In addition, the pumped storage facilities provide ancillary services and environmental benefits. These ancillary services and environmental benefits can provide the most important function of the pumped storage operation. These ancillary services can be sold at a higher market value than the price of the electrical energy generated. These services and benefits are discussed below in greater detail.

Bryant Mountain facility, can provide three distinct types of services, they are: (1) Reregulation of energy, (2) Ancillary Services and (3) Environmental Benefits

These are described as follows:

(1) Reregulation of Energy

During the daily cycle of electrical usage there is heavy demand for electricity during the working and evening hours; with little or no demand during the late night hours. The currently operated generating facilities cannot be easily regulated to this daily cycle. Therefore large amounts of this night electricity are not utilized.

The pumped storage facilities and concepts take this late night low value electricity and convert it to high demand, high value electricity that can be used during the high demand times of the day.

This changing from low demand low value electricity late at night to high demand high value electricity during daytime hours is accomplished using these pumped storage facilities and concepts.

#### (2). Ancillary Services

Ancillary Services are those services that can be provided by a pumped storage facility, and contracted for by owners and users of electrical generation and transmission facilities. These services firm up the offerings provided to customers by the owners of the generation and transmission facilities. Ancillary services can also be described as the services other than scheduled energy deliveries that are required to maintain system reliability and meet system operating criteria. These services include spinning, non-spinning and replacement reserves. They also include regulation (automatic generation control), voltage control and black start capability. Contracts for Differences – a financial contract for the purchase of electricity, provide electricity at a guaranteed price, for a premium. This is to guarantee a customer electricity at a guaranteed price, regardless of market fluctuations.

Some ancillary services can be described as follows:

Online generation (instantaneous response)

Provided during normal operations, to protect against an unexpected outage or fault that may occurs on the system, protects against a momentary drop in voltage or frequency. A pumped storage facility, under contract, will have generation equipment running to insure participating generators and suppliers against this drop In voltage and frequency.

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Spinning reserve (10 second response)

To provide this service, for a fee, a participating pumped storage facility will have generators spinning in air at synchronous speed. In the event of an unscheduled outage, power can be provided within 10 seconds or less.

Non spinning reserve (3 minutes or less)

To provide this service, for a fee, a participating pumped storage facility will have water in storage, and a generator on standby able to provide the required service.

Load following or Ramping (50 Mw per minute) The ability to follow a load change at a rate of 50 Mw per minute.

Replacement reserves

To provide this service, for a fee, a participating pumped storage facility will schedule energy production in advance to provide for a given clients planned outages.

Electrical Storage To provide electrical storage, a pumped storage facility will hold water in storage until a client calls for it in the form of electrical energy.

Regulation (Frequency control)

Black start capability

Pumped storage facilities are unique in their ability to start their plants and a connected system when no electricity is available on line. These plants provide this service by maintaining a given amount of water in their upper reservoir, expressly reserved for this contingency.

**Contracts for Differences** 

Under this concept, for a fee, pumped storage facilities with water in storage will guarantee final customers from fluctuating energy costs.

Service to energy service companies

Energy service companies are those aggregators and marketers whose business it is to supply energy and services to retail customers, such as municipalities and larger businesses. A pumped storage facility will contract with an energy service company to provide storage, reserves, or backup energy supplies as may be required.

#### (3). Environmental Benefits

The Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Facility will provide the following environmental benefits. These are listed without elaboration as the details of the listed benefits are generally common knowledge to those in the electrical industry.

Provides electrical stability to the grid Minimizes the cycling of large plants providing load following Allows fossil fuel plants to operate at best output Decreases fossil fuel plant startups and shut downs Mitigates the need for additional fossil fuel plants Can either provide or create load Deduces system and plant maintenance costs Improves system economics Located at off stream sites No air quality impact No nuclear waste No ash or residue disposal Less use of large base load plants Flexibility in cycling large plants Less burning of fossil fuels Greater efficiency in using older plants Greater efficiency in system operation (ramping rates) Mitigates the need to build other large generating plants It is clean quiet and out of sight Uses a commodity that would otherwise go to waste Higher value of peak energy when compared to off peak energy Saving in cost of oil Lowers system operating costs Provides short emergency response time Has the ability to either provide power or create load

The Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Project is essentially a closed system. Under this operation the same water may be cycled an indefinite number of times between the lower reservoir and the upper reservoir. The only water that will be required is that necessary to provide make up water for that lost to evaporation and seepage. These losses are estimated at 5,000 acre-feet per year. To initially charge the system (fill the lower reservoir) will require 35,000 acre-feet. This water can be pumped into the lower reservoir during the construction phases, over a three year period. This initial filling and make up water can be provided during the off peak times of year when there is excess capacity in the "D" Canal.

#### Socio-economic Benefits

The electricity on the transmission lines was previously transmitted through the County while providing minimum benefit to the community. Using the Bryant Mountain facilities the electrical transmission is changed to benefit the entire West Coast region, at the same time it is contributing significantly the county tax base and employment.

The facility will have a construction payroll of some 150 people for four years and a permanent employment force of 10 to 15 people in clean non-polluting high tech jobs.

Also the facility will have an appraised value of about 1.5 billion dollars. This should add about 9 million dollars a year in tax revenue to the County.

#### 3.0 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE IMPACTS

3.1 Basin Description

#### 3.1.1 Existing Environment

The Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (BMPSHP) is proposed for an area in the Lost River basin in Klamath County, Oregon, 2-4 miles northeast of Malin, which is about 1 mile from the California border and about 20 miles southeast of Klamath Falls, Oregon (see figure 1). Historically this was an endorheic basin, but following construction of the Klamath Project by the Bureau of Reclamation, irrigation waters flow between the Lost and Klamath Rivers via diversion dams and A Canal. The proposed water sources for BMPSHP is A Canal (which connects with Lost River via D Canal), and Pope Reservoir is the location of the proposed upper reservoir. Pope Reservoir connects with High Line and Low Line Canals via Mills Creek.

#### 3.1.1.1 Major Land Uses

The major land uses are irrigated agriculture and livestock grazing, along with some recreational hunting and fishing. Major crops are hay, alfalfa, barley, cattle, sheep, irish potatoes, and wheat (see figure 2).

Malin had a 2009 population of 1,467 and an area of 45 square miles, with a median 2010 home price of \$140,000 based on sales of 3 homes, a median home value of \$208,000, and a median household income of \$43,000. Malin's population is about 55% Hispanic, 41% white, and 4% other, 18% of which have college degrees.

#### 3.1.1.2 Major Water Uses

Major water uses are irrigated agriculture, livestock watering, and domestic consumption.

#### 3.1.1.3 Dams and Diversion Structures

Additional dams and diversions in the Bryant Mountain vicinity include Captain Jack, Harpold, Haymaker, Long, Russell, and Worlow,

#### 3.1.1.4 Tributaries

Tributaries include D, J, High Line, and Low Line Canals; Haymaker Canyon, Mills, and Russell Canyon Creeks, and McCoy Springs.

#### 3.1.1.5 Climate

The Malin climate is semi-arid, with an average of 11 inches of rain and 21 inches of snow per year; the average July high temperature is 85 °F and the average January low temperature is 20 °F. The average annual evaporation rate is 57" in Klamath Falls and the average freeze free period is 90 days.

#### 3.2 Geology and Soils

- 3.2.1 Existing Environment
- 3.2.1.1 Geological Formations

The BMPSHP is located in the Basin and Range physiographic province, and the Klamath/Goose Lake Basins and Klamath Juniper Woodland ecoregions (Thorson et al. 2003). It is underlain by Quaternary and Tertiary sedimentary and volcanic rock (mostly basalt, andesite, and tuffs with occasional intrusive; (see figure 3). It lies in the pluvial Lost River floodway between pluvial Goose and Klamath Lakes.

#### 3.2.1.2 Soils

Soils in the vicinity of Malin are classified as Class II (good cultivatable land), but those on Bryant Mountain are listed as Class VI (unsuitable for cultivation, but moderately well suited for grazing and forestry). Class II soils are dominated by Haplaquolls that are wet in the winter and have a nearly black surface horizon; the Class VI soils are shallow stony Mollisols.

## 3.2.1.3 Geological Hazards

The BMPSHP area is underlain by a series of deep-seated faults and Bryant Mountain resulted from pre-Quaternary geologic uplift (see figure 4). The faults do not appear active in the immediate area but the steepness of the scarp suggests the possibility of rock fall or landslide. Also there have been 6 earthquakes 36-72 miles from Malin (<u>http://www.city-data.com/city/Malin-</u> <u>Oregon.html</u>. The proposed water pipeline must pass under a gas pipeline running north-south between D Canal and Mills Creek.

## 3.2.1.4 Mineral Resources

Major mineral resources include sand, gravel, pumice, and ornamental volcanic rock. No geothermal areas have been located near the BMPSHP.

## 3.2.1.5 Shorelines and Stream Banks

Pope Reservoir is proposed as the upper reservoir for BMPSHP. It will be enlarged to 475 acres and an average depth of 110 feet. The lower reservoir will be built to have a surface area of 590 acres and an average depth of 125'. Both reservoirs will have a capacity of 30,000 A-ft. The upper reservoir will be filled during off-peak periods, and the natural difference in elevation between the upper and lower reservoirs will provide the hydraulic head for power generation during peak demand periods (see figure 5).

## 3.2.2 Potential Impacts of Project

Soil disturbance will result from: embankment dam construction; spillway construction, reservoir excavations; powerhouse excavation; tunnel excavation; surge tunnel excavation; road upgrades and construction; pipeline construction & burial; and construction of the transmission line corridor. Dam construction requires excavation to bedrock plus rock fill. The upper reservoir dam will be 2,700' long and a maximum of 270' high. The lower reservoir dam will be 13,800' long and a maximum of 110' high. We expect to obtain dam construction materials from within the project vicinity.

Construction could cause soil erosion and increased dust. The powerhouse and tunnel excavations are projected to cause minimal erosion because the work will occur underground; however materials brought to the surface could erode and produce dust. Groundwater could be encountered at the proposed excavation sites. Construction of the upper reservoir site could discharge sediment into Mills Creek.

# 3.2.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

We will address water and wind erosion by implementing a soil erosion control plan that will be developed together with detailed project plans. We will implement best management practices (BMPs) endorsed by ODEQ (Oregon Department of Environmental Quality) to minimize erosion impacts and comply with Oregon water quality standards, including continuous water and air quality monitoring. Erosion controls will be implemented for all construction and operation stages. Oregon state law requires permits for construction activities and the Klamath Basin TMDL (total maximum daily loads) process requires mitigation of nutrient and thermal releases to surface waters.

#### 3.3 Water Resources

#### 3.3.1 Existing Environment

#### 3.3.1.1 Surface Hydrology

The BMPSHP is located in the central Lost River basin, which has a basin area of about 1,600 square miles. Historically this was an endorheic basin, but following construction of the Klamath Project by the Bureau of Reclamation, irrigation waters flow in both directions between the Lost and Klamath Rivers via diversion dams and Canal A. D and J Canals connect with A Canal and the Lost River, respectively. High Line and Low Line Canals connect D Canal with Mills Creek. Mills Creek drains Pope Reservoir (the site of the proposed upper reservoir).

#### 3.3.1.2 Ground Water Resources

Ground water is used in areas lacking irrigation districts and to supplement surface waters, but most irrigation water originates from Upper Klamath Lake. Test wells in the Malin area discharge about 1,000 gal/min (Gannet et al. 2010). Spring discharges follow long-term drought and wet trends, and a drying trend for the past 50 years; however, ground water flows immediately north of Malin have responded to prolonged pumping and water levels have declined by 10-20 feet.

#### 3.3.1.3 Water Quality

The ultimate water sources for BMPSHP, Upper Klamath Lake and Lost River, have high natural phosphorus loadings that are amplified by returns from irrigated agriculture. The combined loadings have led to hyper-eutrophic conditions in Upper Klamath Lake, Keno Reservoir, and Tule Lake (Goodman et al. 2011) and TMDL procedures for nutrients, sediments, temperature, and dissolved oxygen throughout the Klamath Basin—including the Malin district (ODEQ 2010).

#### 3.3.1.4 Water Use

Most water in the Malin district is used for irrigated agriculture, livestock watering, and domestic supply, and most of that water comes from surface waters.

#### 3.3.2 Potential Impact of Project

The BMPSHP is unlikely to affect water quality or quantity in the district to a significant degree. Water rights for the initial fill (30,000 acre-feet) are deemed unnecessary because there is ample water in A Canal, and it can be obtained outside the irrigation season and when not needed to aid fish migrations. Additional water needed to replace water lost via evaporation and seepage will be obtained from precipitation, runoff, and groundwater seepage. There is a possibility of eutrophic conditions developing in the 2 reservoirs because of the quality of the water originating from Upper Klamath Lake. Toxic cyanobacteria

could reach nuisance levels in the reservoirs if project operations do not mix the water sufficiently, because toxic cyanobacteria thrive in poorly mixed waters (Goodman et al. 2011). Water quality in Mills Creek may be reduced because of the introduction of hyper-eutrophic water from Upper Klamath Lake.

# 3.3.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

Except for seepage and evaporation losses, the A Canal water will be reused for an indefinite time. It is unlikely that toxic cyanobacteria will reach nuisance levels in the reservoirs, assuming that project operations mix the water sufficiently, because toxic cyanobacteria do poorly in well-mixed waters (Goodman et al. 2011). Phosphorus in the water column can be demobilized by alum application and settling, depending on the outlet levels of the reservoirs.

## 3.4 Fish and Aquatic Resources

3.4.1 Existing Environment

## 3.4.1.1 Fish

The fish assemblages of the canals, Mills Creek, and Pope Reservoir have not been surveyed (William Tinniswood, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Klamath Falls). However they may support commonly occurring and generally tolerant species such as blue chub *Gila coerulea*, tui chub *Gila bicolor*, fathead minnow *Pimephales promelas*, pumpkinseed *Lepomis gibbosus*, and brown bullhead *Ameiurus nebulosis*. The latter 3 species are aliens. When flowing, A Canal occasionally and temporarily supports juvenile Lost River sucker *Deltistes luxatus* and shortnose sucker *Chasmistes brevirostris*, both of which are federally listed as endangered (Douglas Markle, Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon).

## 3.4.1.2 Macroinvertebrates

The reservoirs are likely to be colonized by commonly occurring and tolerant chironomid midges, leeches, caddisflies, craneflies, mayflies, beetles, and hemipterans (true bugs).

## 3.4.2 Potential Impact of Project

Because of their daily fluctuations the reservoirs and power tunnels are unlikely to support fish assemblages or recreational fisheries. Only those macroinvertebrates that can adapt to fluctuating water levels, such as those listed above, are likely to persist. Larval and young Lost River and shortnose suckers could be entrained via water withdrawls from A Canal—but this would be a one-time event.

# 3.4.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

Fish screens have been installed and are maintained on A Canal to limit entrainment of listed suckers. No other protection or mitigation or fish or macroinvertebrates is expected because such protections might attract recreational anglers to the project, which could be hazardous because of fluctuating water levels. Signs will be posted around the perimeter to this effect. Should FERC grant a preliminary license, BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, ODEQ, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to aquatic resources (including wetland habitats, listed fish, rare macroinvertebrates, and water quality) before final plans are completed and any earth is moved.

# 3.5 Botanical and Wildlife Resources

- 3.5.1 Existing Environment
- 3.5.1.1 Botanical Resources

The BMPSHP is located in the Klamath/Goose Lake Basins and Klamath Juniper Woodland ecoregions. The predominant natural vegetation type of the former is big sagebrush *Artemisia tridentata* and low sagebrush *Artemisia arbuscula*, and that of the latter is western juniper *Juniperus occidentalis* but occasional ponderosa pine *Pinus ponderosa* and pinyon pine *Pinus edulis* also occur. However most of the Malin district is currently occupied by irrigated agriculture for pasture, hay and alfalfa—all of which are alien plants.

## 3.5.1.2 Wildlife Habitat

Despite agricultural conversions in the Klamath/Goose Lake Basins, some wetlands remain. In addition to the pines and juniper, the Juniper Woodlands ecoregion supports sagebrush, antelope bitterbrush *Purshia tridentata*, and assorted bunch grasses. Pope reservoir offers a seasonal foraging site for bats, swallows, and waterfowl. Edge habitats and wetlands provide refuge, nesting and foraging sites for resident and migratory songbirds. The juniper woodlands provide refuge, nesting and foraging sites for ungulates, raptors and small mammals as well as songbirds. The high level of patchiness of the land use and vegetation types supports a relatively high diversity of song birds and small mammals, as well as seasonally important resources for raptors and ungulates.

## 3.5.1.3 Wildlife Resources

Pope Reservoir offers a nesting, foraging and resting site for waterfowl and shorebirds. Mills Creek provides important edge habitat and a water source for ungulates and riparian birds. The juniper woodlands of Bryant Mountain support western rattlesnake *Crotalus viridis*, ferruginous hawk *Buteo regalis*, roughlegged hawk *Buteo lagopus*, northern harrier *Circus cyaneus*, American kestrel *Falco sparverius*, bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, mountain quail *Oreortyx pictus*, blue grouse *Dendragapus obscurus*, white-headed woodpecker *Picoides albolarvatus*, pygmy rabbit *Brachylagus idahoensis*, mule deer *Odocoileus hemionus*, and occasional elk *Cervus canadensis*, pronghorn *Antilocapra americanus*, puma *Puma concolor*, and black bear *Ursus americanus* (see Appendix E).

# 3.5.2 Potential Impacts of Project

3.5.2.1 Botanical Resources

The lower reservoir will eliminate 1,500 acres of pasture, hayfield, and wet meadow; the upper reservoir will deepen and expand the existing Pope

Reservoir and eliminate about 200 acres of juniper woodland. None of these habitat types is rare in Klamath County.

# 3.5.2.2 Wildlife Resources

Conversion of 1,700 acres of mostly terrestrial habitat to the same amount of aquatic habitat will reduce the amount of terrestrial space for terrestrial wildlife refuge, nesting, and foraging. It will increase the amount of aquatic habitat and riparian edge habitat which are often limiting factors for wildlife in semi-arid regions such as the Klamath Basin. However, being pumped storage projects, the riparian habitat will be transitory and of poor quality because the daily water level fluctuations are likely to preclude development of healthy riparian vegetation. The ponds may increase the habitat availability for waterfowl and shorebirds. The proximity of BMPSHP to existing power transmission trunk lines and conversion stations makes increased collision and electrocution risk to birds and bats unlikely, other than for the additional 1.5-4 miles of additional lines from the powerhouse to the conversion stations.

# 3.5.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

## 3.5.3.1 Botanical Resources

A plant inventory will be conducted at the project site and priority species will be identified, and if those species must be displaced, their loss will be mitigated by transplanting or mitigation offsite. All project construction and implementation will be conducted to limit the establishment and spread of alien invasive weeds through replanting of native flora adapted to the site conditions.

# 3.5.3.2 Wildlife Resources

All piping and tunnels will be placed underground, thereby providing no barrier to seasonal and daily ungulate migrations. The power produced by BMPSHP will be sent 4 miles to the Malin Substation or 1.5 miles to the Captain Jack Substation, thereby limiting the increased risk of bat and bird mortality to that distance. Bird and bat diverters and adherence to the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines will be implemented to reduce the strike risk (APLIC 2006). The existing Pacific Northwest—Pacific Southwest Intertie passes over the existing Pope Reservoir; the lines will need to be rerouted around the Reservoir or elevated to provide proper clearance. The existing road to Pope Reservoir will be upgraded to accommodate project traffic and gated to limit public access. Although there is potential for wildlife entrapment and drowning if winter ice shelves collapse, ice shelf formation is deemed highly unlikely because of the daily water level fluctuations in both reservoirs. Should FERC grant a preliminary license, BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to wildlife resources (including wetland habitats, bald eagle nests, migration routes) before final plans are completed and any earth is moved.

# 3.6 Wetlands, Riparian and Littoral Zone

3.6.1 Existing Environment

Historical wetlands in the project area have been converted to agriculture through drainage and irrigation or the wet meadows have been converted to reservoirs or pasture (see figure 6). Wet meadow taxa such as sedges *Carex* occur at the margins of Pope Reservoir and riparian taxa such as reed canary grass *Phalaris arundinacea*, rushes *Juncus* and *Scirpus*, and cattails *Typha* occur along Mills Creek.

## 3.6.2 Potential Impact of Project

The project is located outside of jurisdictional wetlands, and BMPSHP will obtain an agreement for a one-time water allocation of 30,000 A-ft to fill the upper reservoir, and that allocation will not alter wetland/riparian conditions in A Canal.

## 3.6.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

Because of the large fluctuation in water levels in the reservoirs, wetlands and riparian zones that could potentially develop at the reservoir margins will be of very low quality. If necessary, BMPSHP proposes to mitigate for those losses via agreement with a willing collaborator to construct a small wetland nearby equal to the size of the fluctuation perimeter of the storage reservoirs.

## 3.7 Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species

3.7.1 Existing Environment

This section briefly describes only those listed species likely to occur in the project area. Appendix E and G list Klamath County species that could potentially occur in the project area.

## 3.7.1.1 Fish and Aquatic Resources

The <u>shortnose sucker</u> is a large (adults to 20"), long-lived fish endemic to the Upper Klamath Basin of Oregon and California. It rears in lakes and spawns in gravels and coarse sand of springs or streams tributary to its home lake. Currently, it occurs in Upper Klamath Lake, Tule Lake, Clear Lake, Klamath River, Lost River, and tributaries thereof, including canals.

The Lost River sucker is a large (adults to 3'), long-lived fish endemic to the Upper Klamath Basin of Oregon and California. It rears in lakes and spawns in gravel or coarse sand of springs or streams tributary to its home lake. Currently, it occurs in Upper Klamath Lake, Clear Lake, Tule Lake, Lost River, Klamath River, and tributaries thereof, including canals.

## 3.7.1.2 Botanical Resources

<u>Nodding melic</u> is a rare grass occurring in rocky zones near coniferous forest margins.

<u>Columbia cress</u> is a rare species considered imperiled by Oregon that occurs in wetlands and riparian zones.

<u>Howell's thelypody</u> is a rare species considered imperiled by Oregon that occurs in alkaline wet meadows and pastures along riparian zones.

<u>Short-prodded thelypody</u> is a rare species considered imperiled by Oregon that occurs in riparian zones within sagebrush steppe.

<u>American pillwort</u> is an Oregon threatened species that occurs in vernal pools, mud flats, and along lake riparian zones.

#### 3.7.1.3 Wildlife Resources

<u>Oregon spotted frog</u> is a federal candidate species that occupies permanent shallow waters with emergent or floating macrophytes.

<u>Northern Pacific pond turtle</u> is an Oregon sensitive species that inhabits lentic and lotic waters with abundant vegetation. It was recorded in 1991 on the Lost River near Bonanza.

<u>Bald eagle</u> is an Oregon threatened species usually found near large bodies of open water; it uses large trees or snags as nest sites.

<u>Greater sandhill crane</u> is an Oregon vulnerable species that forages in a variety of habitats (open freshwater wetlands, grasslands, savannas, croplands) and typically nests in sedge meadows near open grasslands. A nesting aggregation was observed in 1986 near Alkali Lake.

<u>American white pelican</u> is an Oregon vulnerable species that typically forages and breeds colonially in open freshwaters.

<u>Yellow-billed cuckoo</u> is a USFWS vulnerable species that breeds in riparian zones.

<u>Tricolored blackbird</u> is a USFWS vulnerable species and Oregon imperiled species that forages in grasslands and breeds colonially in marshes. A colony was recorded in 1986 in a marsh near Alkali Lake.

<u>Western snowy plover</u> is an Oregon threatened species that nests in sparsely vegetated riparian zones.

<u>Pygmy rabbit</u> is an Oregon sensitive species that occupies sagebrush steppe with deep loose soil. One was observed in 2002, 2.5 miles north of the Captain Jack Substation.

Kit fox is an Oregon threatened species that occurs in sagebrush steppe.

3.7.2 Potential Impacts of the Project

#### 3.7.2.1 Fish and Aquatic Resources

There is a possibility of entrainment of Lost River and shortnose sucker larvae in water removed from A Canal.

## 3.7.2.2 Botanical Resources

The lower reservoir will eliminate 1,500 acres of pasture, hayfield, and wet meadow; the upper reservoir will expand the existing Pope Reservoir and eliminate about 200 acres of juniper woodland. None of these habitat types is rare in Klamath County.

There is a possibility that listed species will be displaced at either or both reservoirs.

#### 3.7.2.3 Wildlife Resources

Conversion of 1,700 acres of mostly terrestrial habitat to the same amount of aquatic habitat will reduce the amount of terrestrial space for terrestrial wildlife refuge, nesting, and foraging. It will increase the amount of aquatic habitat and riparian edge habitat which are often limiting factors for wildlife in semi-arid regions such as the Klamath Basin, and key habitats for several listed species. However, being pumped storage projects, the riparian habitat will be transitory and of very poor quality because the daily water level fluctuations are likely to preclude development of healthy riparian vegetation. The ponds may increase the habitat availability for waterfowl and shorebirds. The proximity of BMPSHP to existing power transmission trunk lines and conversion stations (1.5–2 miles) increases the collision and electrocution risk to birds and bats by that distance.

## 3.7.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

## 3.7.3.1 Fish and Aquatic Resources

Fish screens have been installed and are maintained on A Canal to minimize risk to larval suckers.

#### 3.7.3.2 Botanical Resources

A plant inventory will be conducted at the project site and listed species—if any-will be identified. If those species must be displaced, their loss will be mitigated by transplanting or mitigation offsite.

#### 3.7.3.3 Wildlife Resources

All piping and tunnels will be placed underground, thereby providing no barrier to seasonal and daily vertebrate migrations. The power produced by BMPSHP will be sent 4 miles to the Malin Substation or 1.5 miles to the Captain Jack Substation, thereby limiting the increased risk of bat and bird mortality to that distance. Bird and bat diverters and adherence to the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines will be implemented to reduce the strike risk (APLIC 2006). The existing Pacific Northwest—Pacific Southwest Intertie passes over the existing Pope Reservoir; the lines will need to be rerouted around the Reservoir or elevated to provide proper clearance. The existing road to Pope Reservoir will be upgraded to accommodate project traffic and gated to limit

public access. Although there is potential for wildlife entrapment and drowning if winter ice shelves collapse, ice shelf formation is deemed highly unlikely because of the daily water level fluctuations in both reservoirs. Should FERC grant a preliminary license, BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists and conduct a nesting survey to limit risk to wildlife resources (including wetland habitats, nesting sites, migration routes) before final plans are completed and any earth is moved.

# 3.8 Recreation and Land Use

3.8.1 Existing Environment

Bryant Mountain is used by bird and big game hunters and all terrain vehicle drivers. The site of the lower reservoir is used for hay and pasture.

## 3.8.2 Potential Impact of Project

The upper reservoir will be fenced to limit wildlife and human access because of the hazards resulting from rapidly fluctuating lake levels. The lower reservoir site will be converted from pasture and haying to open water and a fluctuating riparian zone; it will also be fenced to limit human and wildlife access and hazards.

## 3.8.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

The BMPSHP team will consult with local, Tribal, state, and federal recreational interests to minimize recreational impacts.

## 3.9 Aesthetic Resources

## 3.9.1 Existing Environment

The BMPSHP is located in the Basin and Range physiographic province, and the Klamath/Goose Lake Basins and Klamath Juniper Woodland ecoregions. Bryant Mountain contains both BLM and private lands; the locations of the lower and upper reservoirs will be on private land, but the tunnels will pass under BLM land. The 2-miles long pipeline carrying supply water to the project will pass under private land. The BLM land is class IV VRM (visual resource management), meaning that major landscape modifications are allowed and may dominate viewscapes—as long as the effects are minimized by considering project location, construction disturbance, and maintenance of texture, skyline, and form (BLM 1995).

## 3.9.2 Potential Impact of Project

BMPSHP proposes a new reservoir and dam and an enlarged Pope Reservoir and dam. The reservoirs together will cover 2050 acres, the upper dam will extend 4000' and rise 310,' and the lower dam will extend 21,500' and rise 135'.

## 3.9.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

BMPSHP will minimize impacts by: locating the projects so that they blend into the skyline to the maximum degree, minimizing construction disturbance, burying tunnels and pipelines, maintaining natural texture and color of rock and vegetation (BLM 1995), and connecting to nearby existing electrical tielines and substations.

## 3.10 Cultural Resources

## 3.10.1 Existing Environment

BMPSHP was notified via a 15 July 2010 letter from the US Department of Interior (USDI) that the Klamath Tribes consider Bryant Mountain sacred and that they use the area for religious purposes.

## 3.10.2 Potential Impact of Project

BMPSHP proposes a new reservoir and dam and an enlarged Pope Reservoir and dam. The reservoirs together will cover 2050 acres, the upper dam will extend 4000' and rise 310,' and the lower dam will extend 21,500' and rise 135'.

#### 3.10.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

BMPSHP will minimize impacts by: locating the projects so that they blend into the skyline to the maximum degree, minimizing construction disturbance, burying all tunnels and pipelines, maintaining natural texture and color of rock and vegetation (BLM 1995), and connecting to nearby existing electrical tielines and substations. As recommended in the 15 July 2010 letter from the USDI, BMPSHP will consult with the Klamath Tribes, the Oregon State Archeologist, the Oregon Historic Preservation Office, and the BLM to establish an area of potential effect (APE). That APE will be assessed by a registered archeological consultant, who will report to BMPSHP and the aforementioned stakeholders, and BMPSHP will minimize damage to cultural resources.

## 3.11 Socioeconomic Resources

## 3.11.1 Existing Environment

In June 2011, unemployment in Klamath County was estimated at 12.4% (Oregon Employment Department; <u>http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisj/AllRates</u>). The US Census estimated 2009 Klamath County median household income as \$39,057 with 20% of persons below the poverty level (<u>http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41/41035.html</u>).

## 3.11.2 Potential Impact of Project

BMPSHP will employ approximately 150 persons for 4 y during the construction phase and 15 persons in the operations phase. The project will have an assessed value of \$1.6B, contributing \$9.4M annually in taxes to the county, which is 2 orders of magnitude greater than the 2002 budget of Malin.

#### 3.11.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

BMPSHP will have a positive impact on employment and the tax base.

#### 3.12 Tribal Resources

3.12.1 Existing Environment

BMPSHP was notified via a 15 July 2010 letter from the US Department of Interior (USDI) that the Klamath Tribes consider Bryant Mountain sacred and that they use the area for religious purposes.

# 3.12.2 Potential Impact of Project

BMPSHP proposes a new reservoir and dam and an enlarged Pope Reservoir and dam. The reservoirs together will cover 2050 acres, the upper dam will extend 4000' and rise 310,' and the lower dam will extend 21,500' and rise 135'.

# 3.12.3 Protection and Mitigation of Resource

BMPSHP will minimize impacts by: locating the projects so that they blend into the skyline to the maximum degree, minimizing construction disturbance, burying all tunnels and pipelines, maintaining natural texture and color of rock and vegetation (BLM 1995), and connecting to nearby existing electrical tielines and substations. As recommended in the 15 July 2010 letter from the USDI, BMPSHP will consult with the Klamath Tribes, the Oregon State Archeologist, the Oregon Historic Preservation Office, and the BLM to establish an area of potential effect (APE). That APE will be assessed by a registered archeological consultant, who will report to BMPSHP and the aforementioned stakeholders, and BMPSHP will minimize damage to cultural resources.

# 4.0 PRELIMINARY ISSUES AND STUDIES LIST

# 4.1 Issues Pertaining to Identified Resources

# 4.1.1 Geology and Soils

The BMPSHP area is underlain by a series of deep-seated faults and Bryant Mountain resulted from pre-Quaternary geologic uplift. The faults do not appear active in the immediate area but the steepness of the scarp suggests the possibility of rock fall or landslide. Also there have been 6 earthquakes 36-72 miles from Malin (http://www.city-data.com/city/Malin-Oregon.html.

Soil disturbance will result from: dam construction; spillway construction, reservoir excavations; powerhouse excavation; tunnel excavation; surge tunnel excavation; road upgrades and construction; pipeline construction & burying; and construction of the transmission line corridor. Dam construction requires excavation to bedrock plus rock fill. The upper reservoir dam will be 2,700' long and a maximum of 270' high. The lower reservoir dam will be 13,800' long and a maximum of 110' high. We expect to obtain dam construction materials from within the project vicinity. Construction could cause soil erosion and increased dust. The powerhouse and tunnel excavations are projected to cause minimal erosion because the work will occur underground; however materials brought to the surface could erode and produce dust.

# 4.1.2 Water Resources

Groundwater could be encountered at the proposed excavation sites. Construction of the upper reservoir site could discharge sediment into Mills Creek. The BMPSHP is unlikely to affect water quality or quantity in the district to a significant degree. Water rights for the initial fill (30,000 acre-feet) are deemed unnecessary because there is ample water in A Canal, and it can be obtained outside the irrigation season and when not needed to aid fish migrations. Additional water needed to replace water lost via evaporation and seepage will be obtained from precipitation, runoff, and groundwater seepage. There is a possibility of eutrophic conditions developing in the 2 reservoirs because of the quality of the water originating from Upper Klamath Lake. Toxic cyanobacteria could reach nuisance levels in the reservoirs if project operations do not mix the water sufficiently, because toxic cyanobacteria thrive in poorly mixed waters (Goodman et al. 2011). Water quality in Mills Creek may be reduced because of the introduction of hyper-eutrophic water from Upper Klamath Lake.

Except for seepage and evaporation losses, the same water will be reused for an indefinite time. It is unlikely that toxic cyanobacteria will reach nuisance levels in the reservoirs, assuming that project operations mix the water sufficiently, because toxic cyanobacteria do poorly in well-mixed waters (Goodman et al. 2011). Phosphorus in the water column can be demobilized by alum application and settling, depending on the outlet levels of the reservoirs.

#### 4.1.3 Fish and Aquatic resources

Because of their daily fluctuations the reservoirs and power tunnels are unlikely to support fish assemblages or recreational fisheries. Only those macroinvertebrates that can adapt to fluctuating water levels are likely to persist. Larval and young Lost River and shortnose suckers could be entrained via the one-time water withdrawl from A Canal.

Fish screens have been installed and are maintained to limit entrainment of listed suckers. Should FERC grant a preliminary license, BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, ODEQ, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to aquatic resources (including wetland habitats, listed fish, and water quality) before final plans are completed and any earth is moved.

## 4.1.4 Wildlife and Botanical Resources

#### 4.1.4.1 Wildlife Issues

Conversion of 1,500 acres of mostly terrestrial habitat to the same amount of aquatic habitat will reduce the amount of terrestrial space for terrestrial wildlife refuge, nesting, and foraging. It will increase the amount of aquatic habitat and riparian edge habitat which are often limiting factors for wildlife in semi-arid regions such as the Klamath Basin. However, being pumped storage projects, the riparian habitat will be transitory and of very poor quality because the daily water level fluctuations are likely to preclude development of healthy riparian

vegetation. The ponds may increase the habitat availability for waterfowl and shorebirds.

All piping and tunnels will be placed underground, thereby providing no barrier to seasonal and daily ungulate migrations. The power produced by BMPSHP will be sent 4 miles to the Malin Substation or 1.5 miles to the Captain Jack Substation, thereby limiting the increased risk of bat and bird mortality to that distance. Bird and bat diverters and adherence to the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines will be implemented to reduce the strike risk (APLIC 2006). The existing Pacific Northwest—Pacific Southwest Intertie passes over the existing Pope Reservoir; the lines will need to be rerouted around the Reservoir or elevated to provide proper clearance. The existing road to Pope Reservoir will be upgraded to accommodate project traffic and gated to limit public access. Because of the potential for wildlife entrapment and drowning if winter ice collapses, fencing will be installed to limit wildlife access during the winter. Should FERC grant a preliminary license, BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to wildlife resources (including wetland habitats, bald eagle nests, migration routes) before final plans are completed and any earth is moved.

## 4.1.4.2 Botanical Issues

The lower reservoir will eliminate 1,500 acres of pasture, hayfield, and wet meadow; the upper reservoir will expand the existing Pope Reservoir and eliminate about 200 acres of juniper woodland. None of these habitat types is rare in Klamath County.

A plant inventory will be conducted at the project site and priority species will be identified, and if those species must be displaced, their loss will be mitigated by transplanting or mitigation offsite. All project construction and implementation will be conducted to limit the establishment and spread of alien invasive weeds through replanting of native flora adapted to the site conditions.

# 4.1.5 Wetlands, Riparian and Littoral Zone

Wet meadow taxa occur at the margins of Pope Reservoir and riparian taxa occur along Mills Creek and A Canal.

Because of the large fluctuation in water levels in the reservoirs, wetlands and riparian zones that could potentially develop at the reservoir margins will be of very low quality. If necessary, BMPSHP proposes to mitigate for those losses via agreement with a willing collaborator to construct a small wetland nearby equal to the size of the fluctuation perimeter of the storage reservoirs.

# 4.1.6 Rare, Threatened and Endangered (RTE) Species

# 4.1.6.1 Fish and Aquatic Resources

Larval and young Lost River and shortnose suckers could be entrained via water withdrawls from A Canal.

Fish screens will need to be installed and maintained to limit entrainment of listed suckers.

#### 4.1.6.2 Wildlife Issues

Ten vertebrate RTE species may occur in the vicinity of the BMPSHP. Conversion of 1,700 acres of mostly terrestrial habitat to the same amount of aquatic habitat will reduce the amount of terrestrial space for terrestrial wildlife refuge, nesting, and foraging. It will increase the amount of aquatic habitat and riparian edge habitat for avian RTE species, which are often limiting factors for listed wildlife in semi-arid regions such as the Klamath Basin, and key habitats for several listed species. However, being pumped storage projects, the riparian habitat will be transitory and of very poor quality because the daily water level fluctuations are likely to preclude development of healthy riparian vegetation. The ponds may increase the habitat availability for waterfowl and shorebirds.

All piping and tunnels will be placed underground, thereby providing no barrier to seasonal and daily vertebrate migrations. The power produced by BMPSHP will be sent 4 miles to the Malin Substation or 1.5 miles to the Captain Jack Substation, thereby limiting the increased risk of bat and bird mortality to that distance. Bird and bat diverters and adherence to the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines will be implemented to reduce the strike risk (APLIC 2006). The existing Pacific Northwest—Pacific Southwest Intertie passes over the existing Pope Reservoir; the lines will need to be rerouted around the Reservoir or elevated to provide proper clearance. The existing road to Pope Reservoir will be upgraded to accommodate project traffic and gated to limit public access. Because of the potential for wildlife entrapment and drowning if winter ice shelves collapse, fencing will be installed to limit wildlife access during the winter. Should FERC grant a preliminary license, BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists and conduct a nesting survey to limit risk to RTE species (including wetland habitats, nesting sites, migration routes) before final plans are completed and any earth is moved.

## 4.1.6.3 Botanical Issues

There are 5 RTE plant species that may occur in the project area. The lower reservoir will eliminate 1,500 acres of pasture, hayfield, and wet meadow; the upper reservoir will expand the existing Pope Reservoir and eliminate about 200 acres of juniper woodland. None of these habitat types is rare in Klamath County. There is a possibility that listed species will be displaced at either or both reservoirs.

A plant inventory will be conducted at the project site and RTE species will be identified, and if those species must be displaced, their loss will be mitigated by transplanting or mitigation offsite.

## 4.1.7 Recreation and Land Use

Bryant Mountain is used by bird and big game hunters and all terrain vehicle drivers. The site of the lower reservoir is used for hay and pasture.

The upper reservoir will be fenced to limit wildlife and human access because of the hazards resulting from rapidly fluctuating lake levels. The lower reservoir site will be converted from pasture and haying to open water and a fluctuating riparian zone; it will also be fenced to limit human and wildlife access.

The BMPSHP team will consult with local, Tribal, state, and federal recreational interests to minimize recreational impacts.

#### 4.1.8 Aesthetic Resources

The 2-miles long pipeline carrying supply water to the project will pass under private land. BMPSHP proposes a new reservoir and dam and an enlarged Pope Reservoir and dam on private land. The reservoirs together will cover 2050 acres, the upper dam will extend 4000' and rise 310,' and the lower dam will extend 21,500' and rise 135'.

BMPSHP will minimize impacts by: locating the projects so that they blend into the skyline to the maximum degree, minimizing construction disturbance, burying tunnels and pipelines, maintaining natural texture and color of rock and vegetation (BLM 1995), and connecting to nearby existing electrical tielines and substations.

## 4.1.9 Cultural Issues

The Klamath Tribes consider Bryant Mountain sacred and that they use the area for religious purposes. BMPSHP proposes a new reservoir and dam and an enlarged Pope Reservoir and dam on private land. The reservoirs together will cover 2050 acres, the upper dam will extend 4000' and rise 310,' and the lower dam will extend 21,500' and rise 135'.

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#### 4.1.10 Socioeconomic Resources

In June 2011, unemployment in Klamath County was estimated at 12.4% (Oregon Employment Department; <u>http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisj/AllRates;</u> accessed July 2011). The US Census estimated 2009 Klamath County median

household income as \$39,057 with 20% of persons below the poverty level (<u>http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/41/41035.html</u>; accessed July 2011).

BMPSHP will employ approximately 150 persons for 4 years during the construction phase and 15 persons in the operations phase. The facility will have an assessed value of \$1.6B, contributing \$9.4M annually in taxes to the county, which is 2 orders of magnitude greater than the 2002 budget of Malin. BMPSHP will have a positive impact on employment and the tax base.

## 4.1.11 Tribal Resources

The Klamath Tribes consider Bryant Mountain sacred and that they use the area for religious purposes. BMPSHP proposes a new reservoir and dam and an enlarged Pope Reservoir and dam on private land. The reservoirs together will cover 2050 acres, the upper dam will extend 4000' and rise 310,' and the lower dam will extend 21,500' and rise 135'.

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# 4.2 Potential Studies

4.2.1 Transmission Line Corridor Alternatives Study

We will assess the pros and cons with linking BMPSHP with the Malin or Captain Jack Substations relative to their potential effects on the viewscape and bird and bat mortality.

# 4.2.2 Geotechnical Study

We will assess the geological foundations of the dams, reservoirs, tunnels, and pipeline regarding their suitability for retaining water, providing construction materials, and avoiding faults.

# 4.2.3 Surface Hydrology Study

We will assess more rigorously the amount of water needed for BMPSHP and document its sources via purchased water rights.

# 4.2.4 Water Quality Monitoring and Modeling

We will assess potential effects of the enlarged Pope Reservoir on Mills Creek both during construction and operation regarding suspended sediments and cyanobacteria.

# 4.2.5 Vegetation Characterization and Weed Assessment

We will assess the current and potential extent of alien invasive weed populations as well as key habitat types (refuge, migration, nesting, foraging) and condition for vertebrate wildlife populations.

## 4.2.6 Sensitive Plant Surveys

A plant inventory will be conducted at the project site and sensitive and RTE species will be identified; if those species must be displaced, their loss will be mitigated by transplanting or mitigation offsite. Focal species include: nodding melic, Columbia cress, Howell's thelypody, short-prodded thelypody, and American pillwort.

## 4.2.7 Ungulate Protection Plan

BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to ungulate populations in the project area, or possibly passing through the area. In addition, a registered consulting wildlife biologist will be employed to assess ungulate risks and means for reducing them in the project area.

## 4.2.8 Nesting and Wintering Raptor Surveys

BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to raptor populations in the project area, or possibly passing through the area. In addition, a registered consulting avian biologist will be employed to assess raptor risks and means for reducing them in the project area.

## 4.2.9 Sensitive Wildlife Habitat Surveys

BMPSHP will consult with local ODFW, Klamath Tribal and USFWS biologists to limit risk to sensitive wildlife populations and their habitats in the project area, as well as those possibly passing through the area. In addition, a registered consulting wildlife biologist will be employed to assess risks and alternative means for reducing them in the project area. Focal species will include: Oregon spotted frog, northern Pacific pond turtle, bald eagle, greater sandhill crane, American white pelican, yellow-billed cuckoo, tricolored blackbird, western snowy plover, pygmy rabbit, and kit fox

## 4.3 Relevant Resources Management Plans

4.3.1 Qualifying Comprehensive Plans Deemed Applicable

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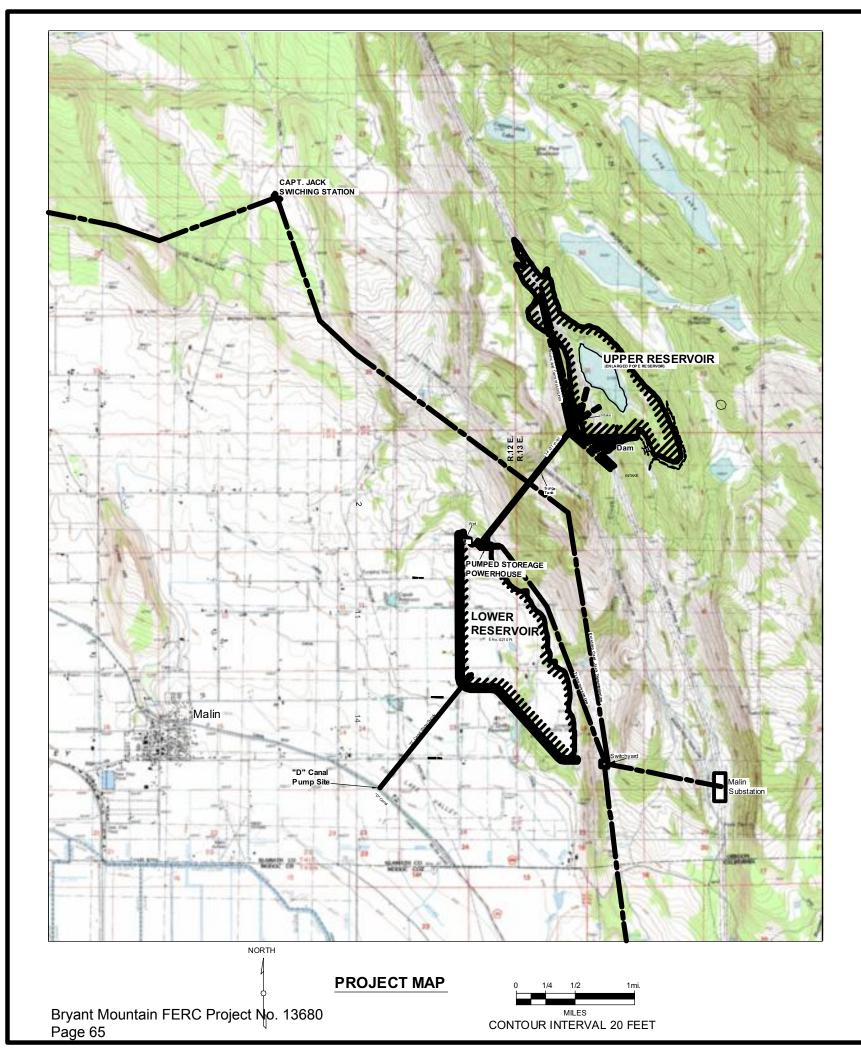
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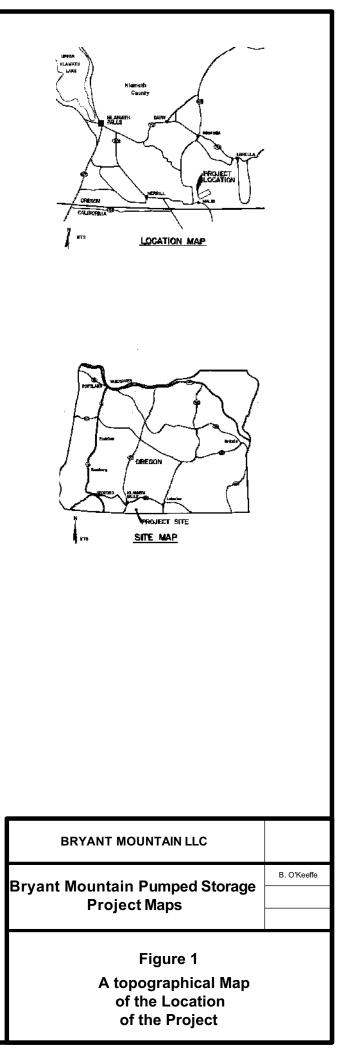
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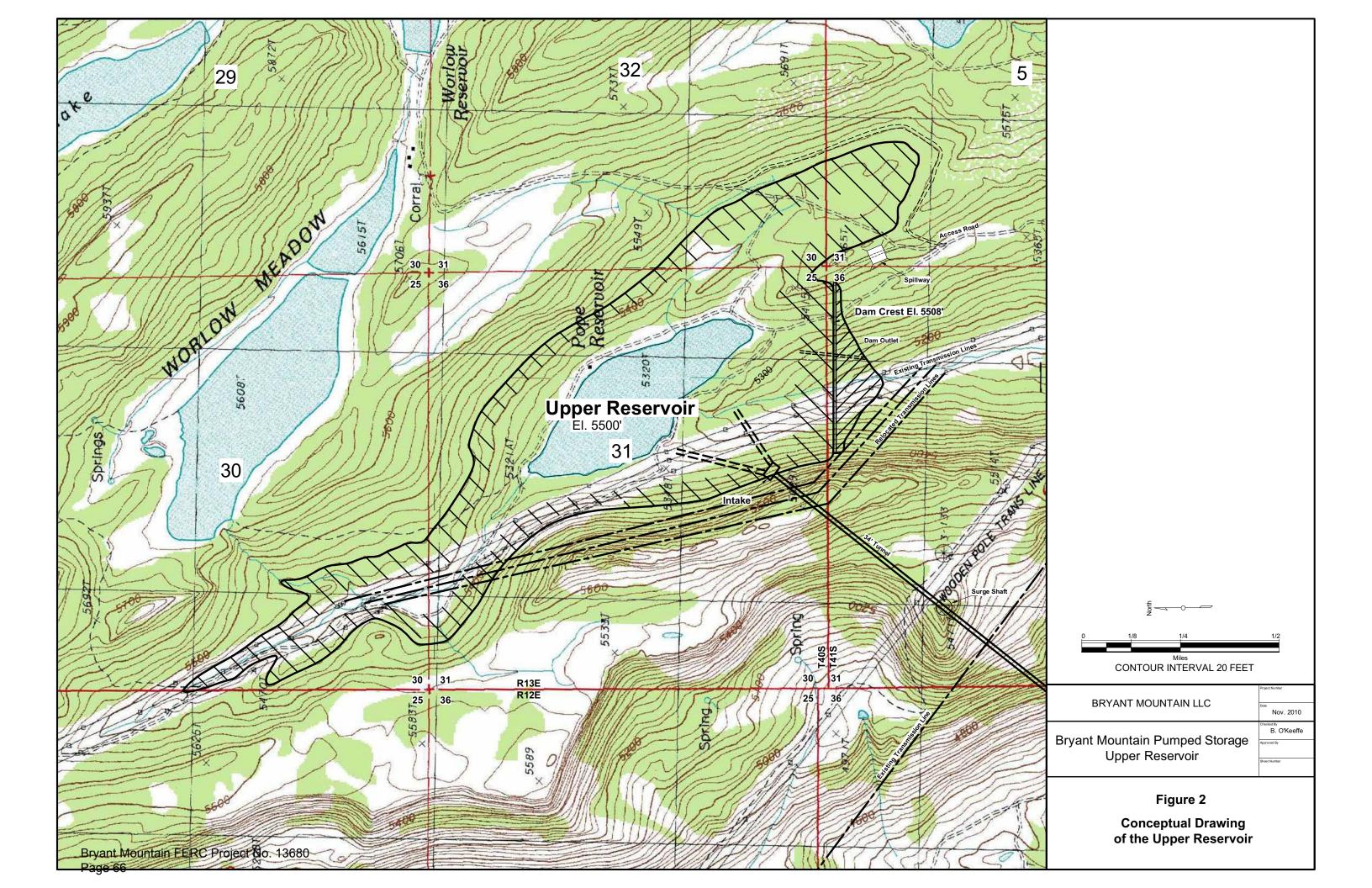
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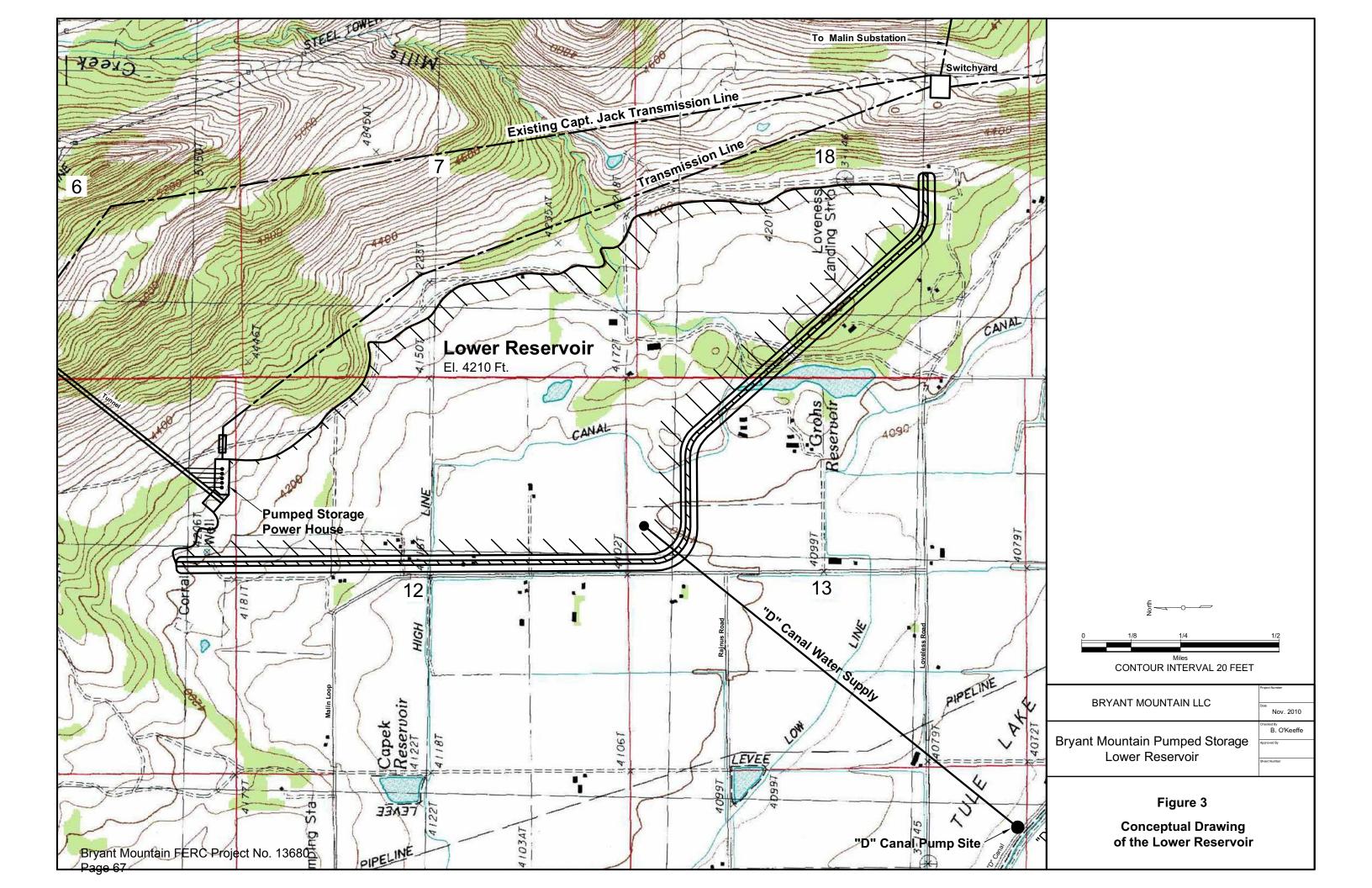
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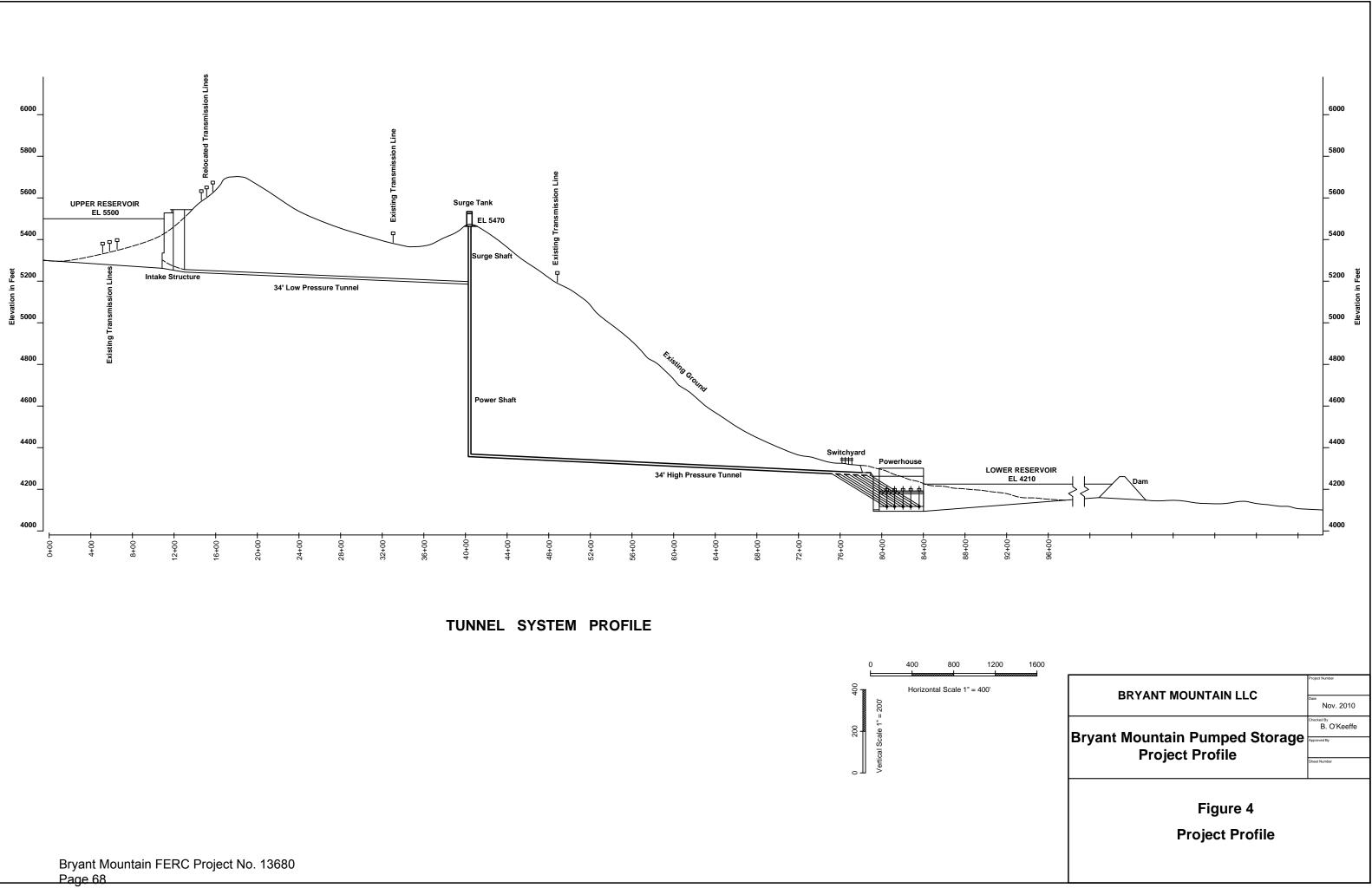


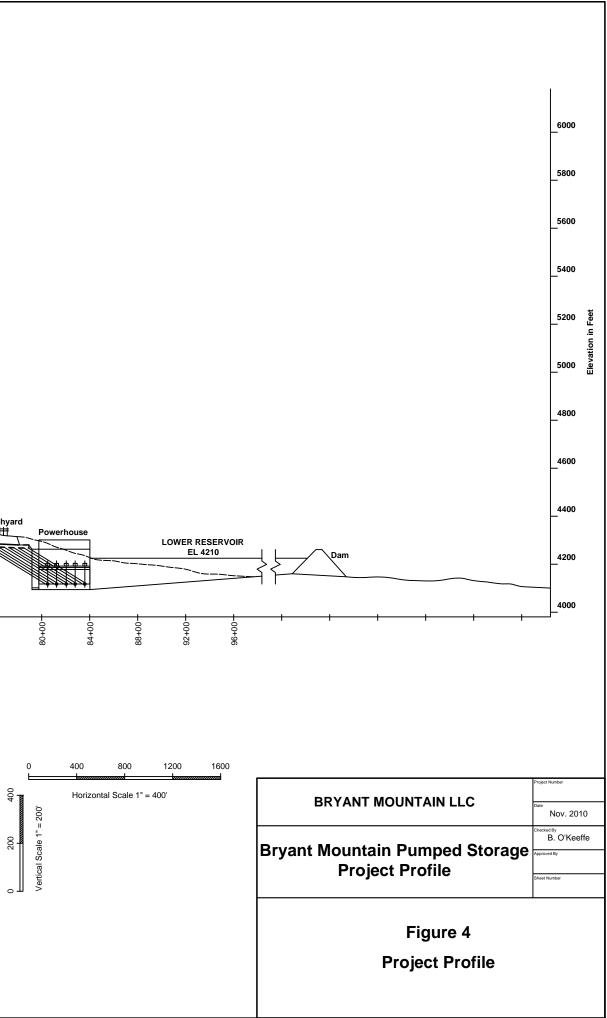
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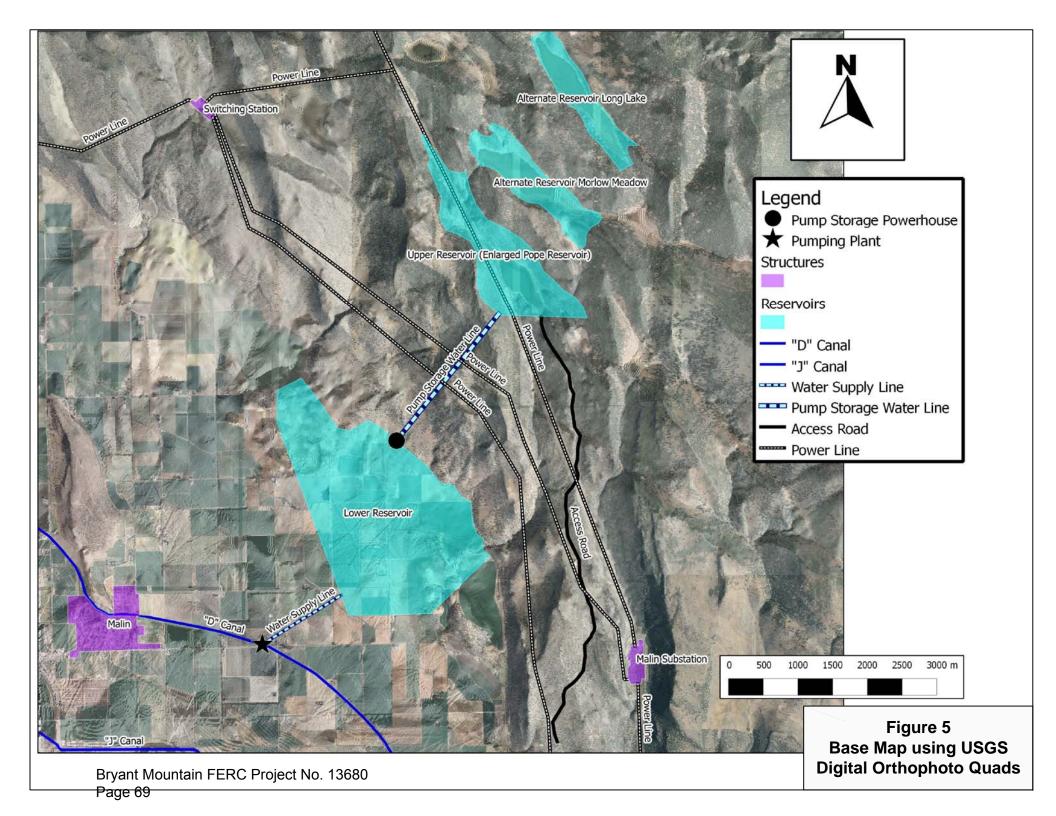


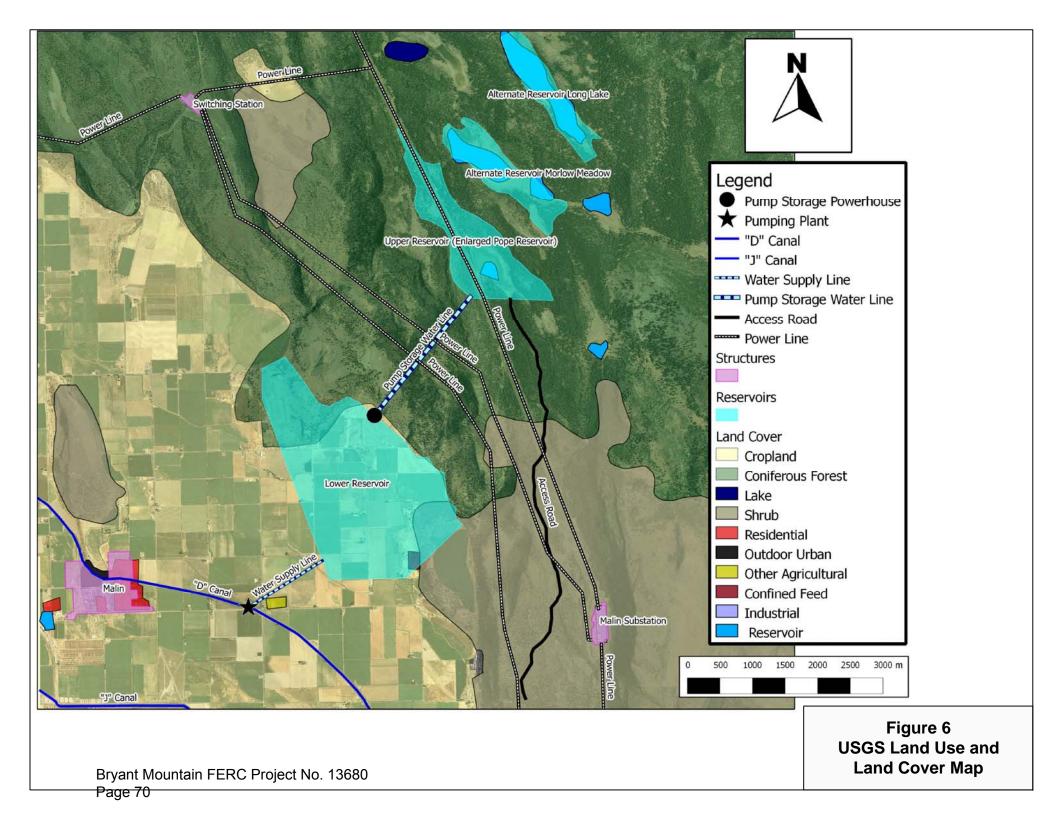


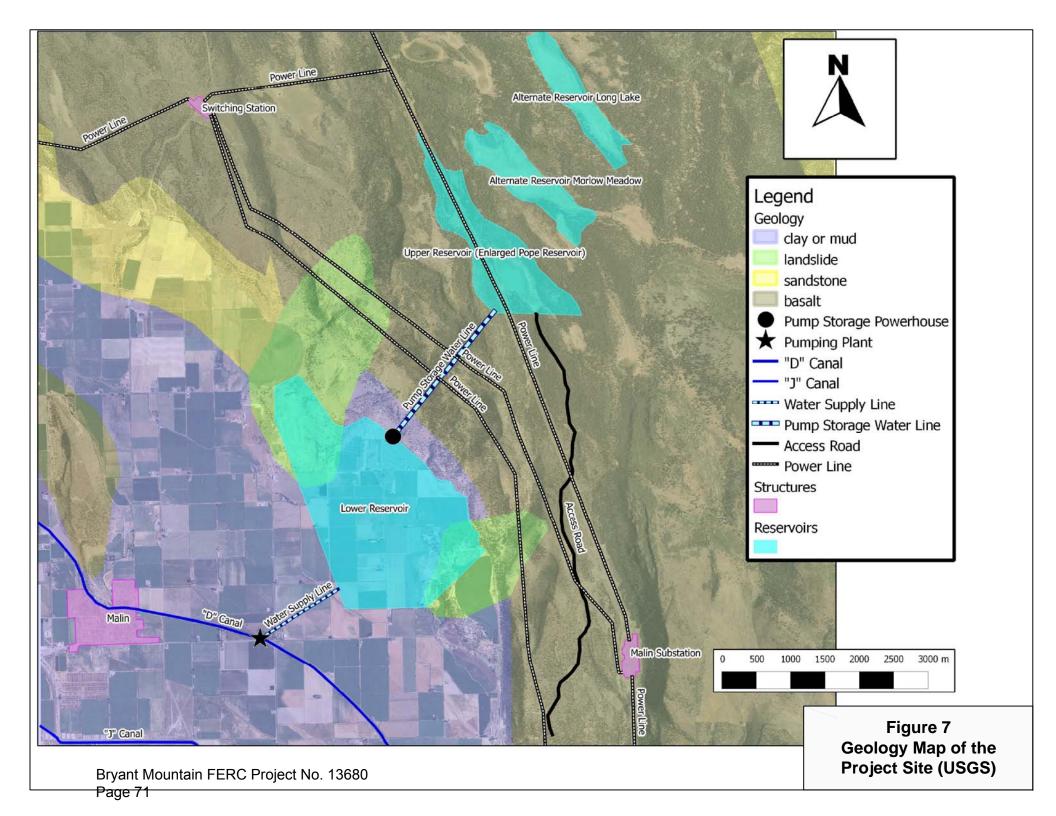


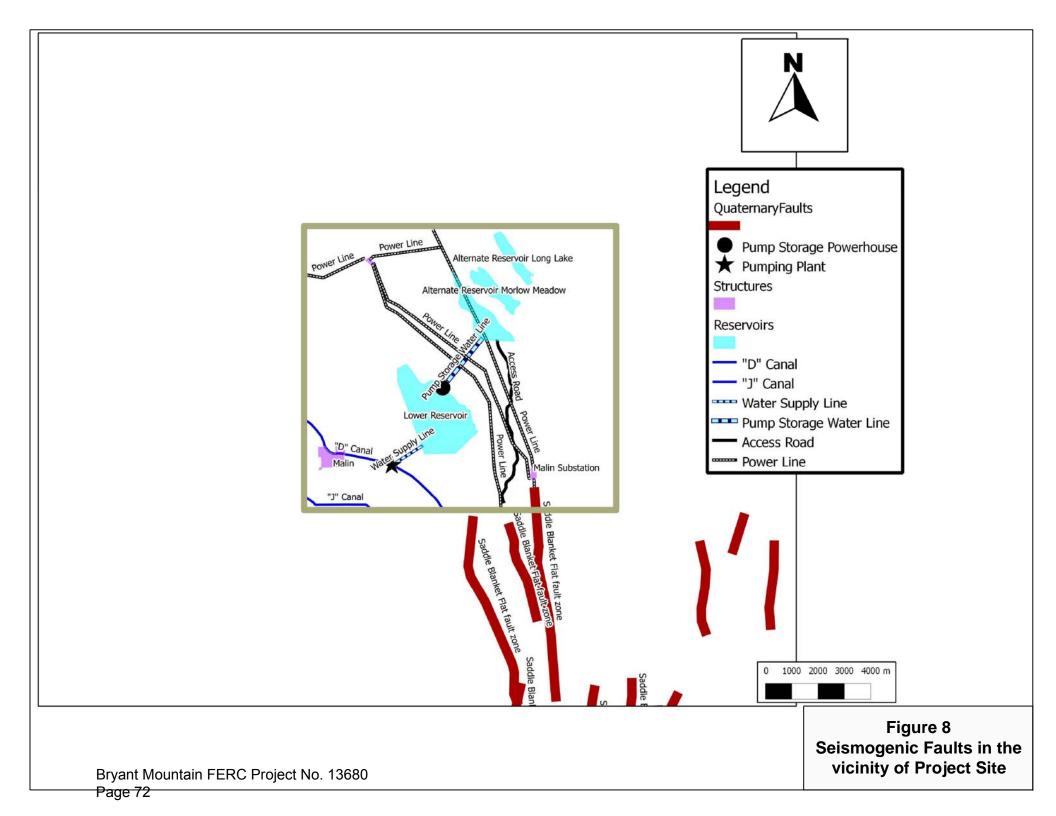


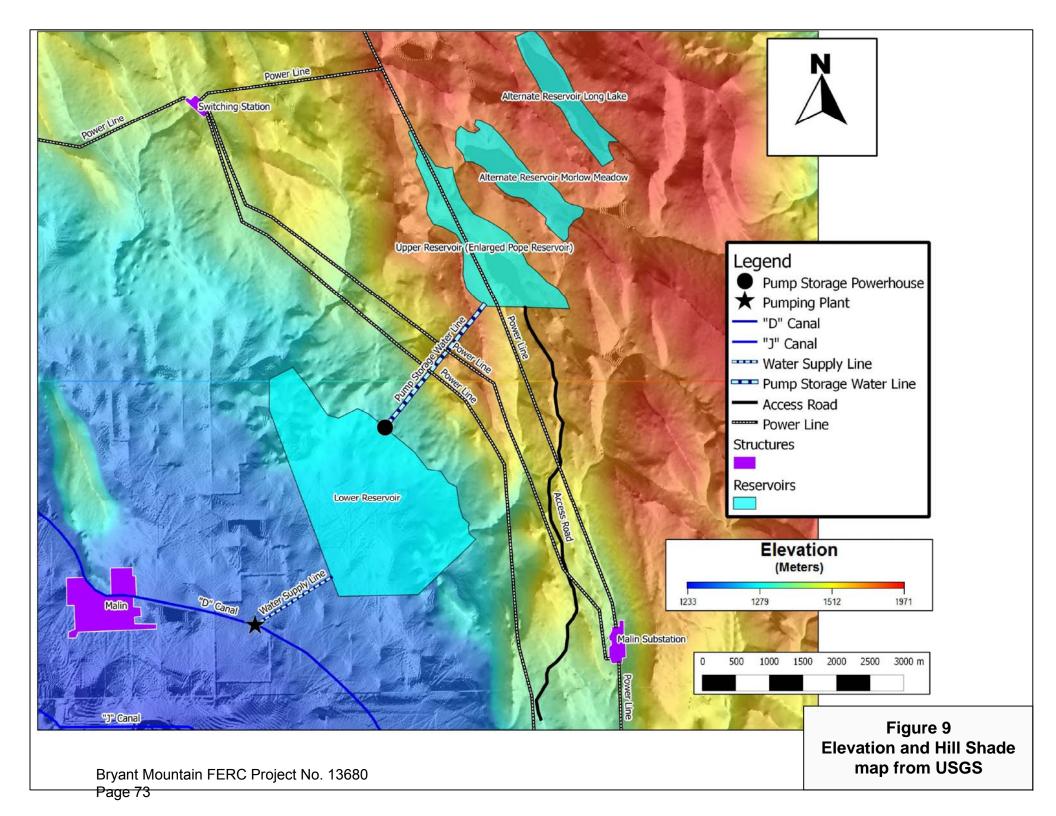


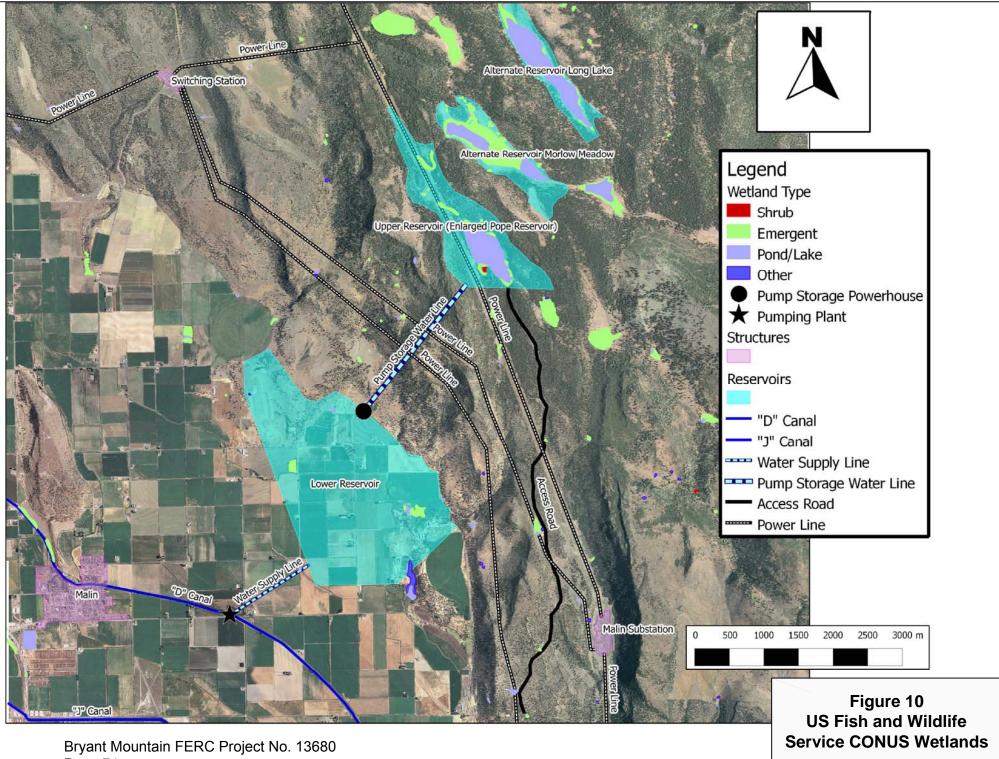








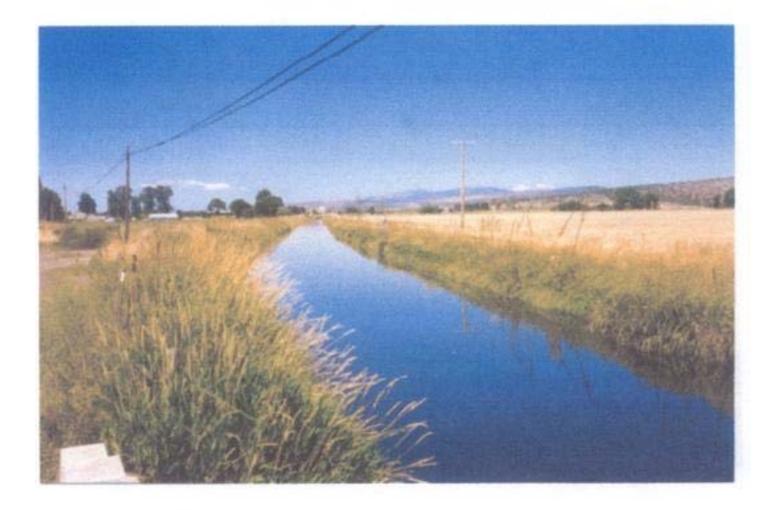




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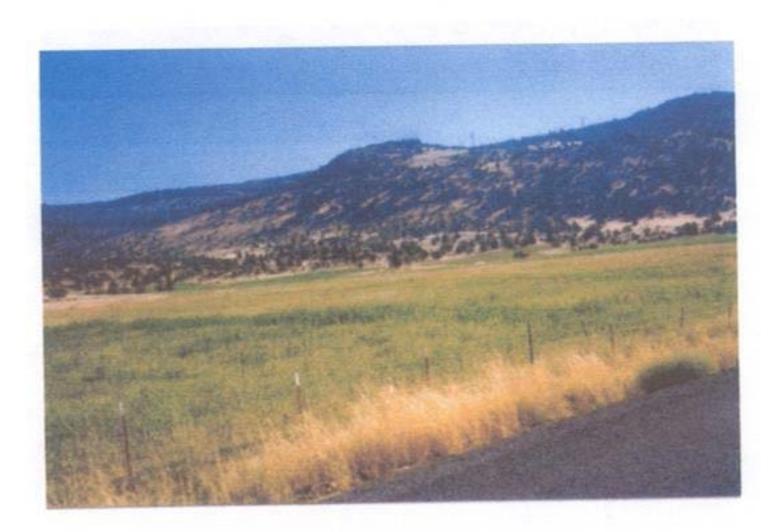
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View of "D" Canal

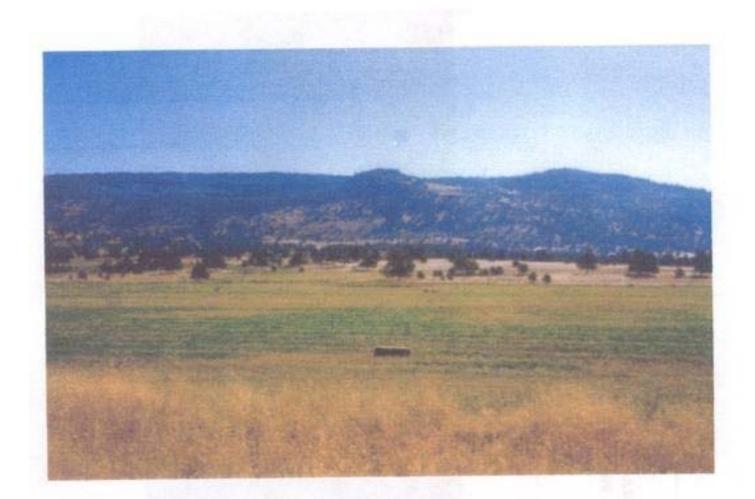
Location of the Pumping Plant where the project water originates



View of Lower Reservoir Site

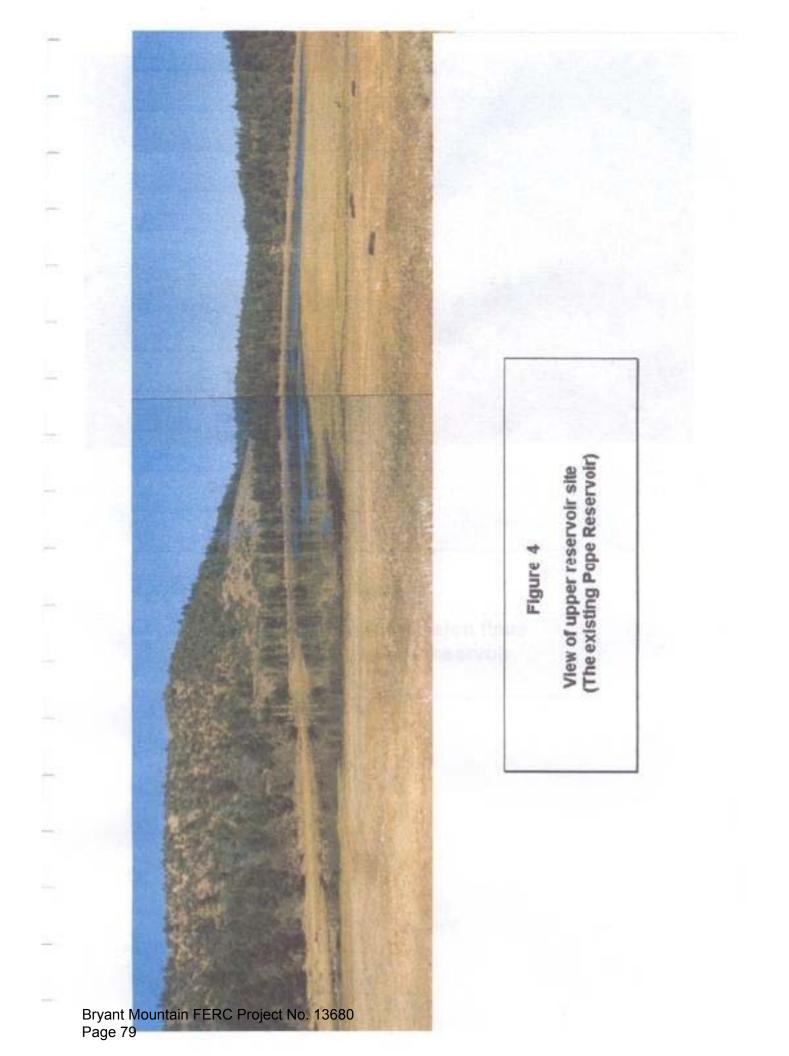
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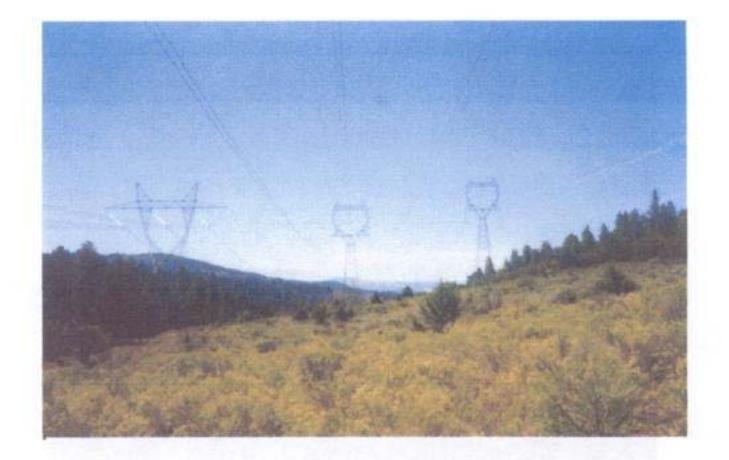
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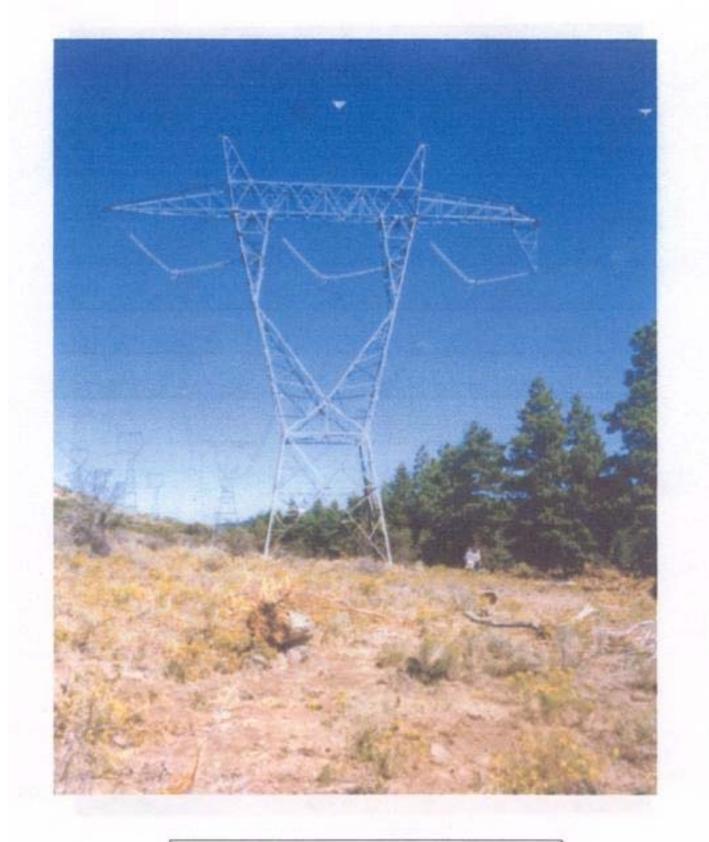
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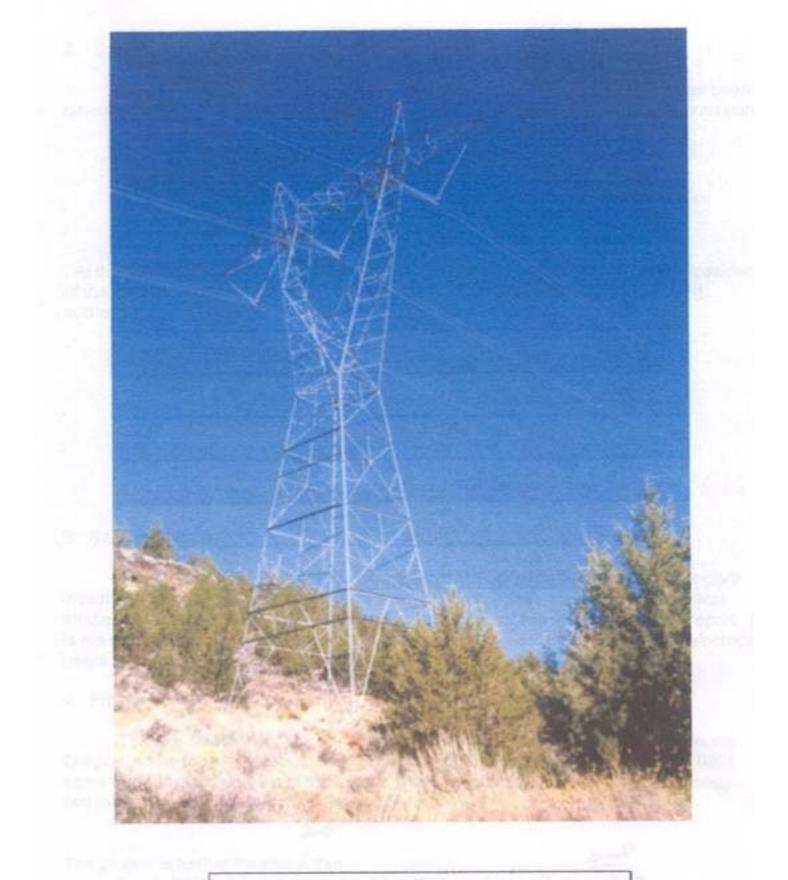


View of transmission lines near the upper reservoir

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View of the transmission towers in the vicinity of the upper reservoir



Transmission tower in the vicinity of the upper reservoir

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# APPENDIX C - LIST OF LAND OWNERS IN PROJECT AREA

Parcel No.	Tax Lot	<u>Owner &amp; Address</u>
1	Portion of Lot 3600	United States of America Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 369 Klamath Falls, OR 97601
2	Portion of Lot 200	Jeld Wen, Inc. 6400 Highway 66 Klamath Falls OR 97601
3	All of Lot 700	Mario L. & Dian Giordano 11431 W. Langell Valley Road Bonanza, OR 97623
4	All of Lot 800	Moxley Family Trust P.O. Box 2410 Alpine, CA 91903
5	All of Lot 8200	United States of America Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 369 Klamath Falls, OR 97601
6	All of Lot 8300	Lester R. Strum 36121 Stastny Rd Malin, OR 97632
7	All of Lot 8301	A. L. & Marilyn Bruner 607 Ave. DeTeresa Grants Pass. OR 97526
8	All of Lot 8400	United States of America Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 369 Klamath Falls, OR 97601
9	All of Lot 8500	Lester R. Strum 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632

Parcel No.	Tax Lot	Owner & Address
10	All of Lot 8700	A. L. & Marilyn Bruner 607 Ave. DeTeresa Grants Pass. OR 97526
14	All of Lot 400	Harold Hartman 35243Malin Loop Road Malin, OR 97632
24	All of Lot 100	Lester R. Sturm 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
25	All of Lot 101	Lester R. Strum 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
26	All of Lot 102	Paul R. & Shelley Randall 21771 Evans Road Malin, OR 97632
31	All of Lot 600	Lester R. Sturm 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
32	All of Lot 700	Rollin & Leigh Thorne P.O. Box 285 Malin, OR 97632
33	All of Lot 800	Lester R. Sturm 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
36	All of Lot 1100	Edwin J. Stastny, Jr. 32121 Hwy 50 Malin, OR 97632
37	All of Lot 100	Edwin J. Stastny, Jr. 32121 Hwy 50 Malin, OR 97632

Parcel No.	Tax Lot	Owner & Address
40	Portion of Lot 400	Walter H. Stastny 33001 Hwy 50 Malin OR 97632
41	All of Lot 500	Lois Rumer Evans 35125 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
42	All of Lot 600	Malin Irrigation District P.O. Box 355 Malin, OR 97632
43	All of Lot 700	Edwin J. Stastny, Jr. 32121 Hwy 50 Malin, OR 97632
44	All of Lot 800	Edwin J. Stastny, Jr. 32121 Hwy 50 Malin, OR 97632
52	Portion of Lot 1400	United States of America Bureau of Land Management P.O. Box 369 Klamath Falls, OR 97601
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54	All of Lot 1501	Lester R. Sturm 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
55	All of Lot 1600	Lester R. Sturm 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
56	All of Lot 4100	Laurence G. & Sarah Bagg 23911 Hall Road Malin, OR 97632

Parcel No.	Tax Lot	Owner & Address
57	All of Lot 4101	Lester R. Sturm 36121 Stastny Road Malin, OR 97632
58	All of Lot 4102	Bill J. & Carol L. Braham 23939 Hall Rd Malin, OR 97632
59	All of Lot 600	Malin Irrigation District P.O. Box 355 Malin, OR 97632
60	All of Lot 4300	Douglas & Li Smith 36149 Stastny Road. Malin OR 97632
61		"D" Canal Pump Site
62	All of Lot 402	United States, Bonneville Power
63	Power Line Easement	Portland General Electric Pacific Power and Light

# Appendix D – Vertebrate Wildlife Potentially Occurring in the Project Area

## Amphibians

Blotched tiger salamander Long-toed salamander Cascades frog Oregon spotted frog Pacific treefrog Western toad Great Basin spadefoot Bullfrog

### **Reptiles**

Northern Pacific pond turtle Short-horned lizard Northern sagebrush lizard Western fence lizard Side-blotched lizard Northern alligator lizard Western skink Rubber boa Western yellow-bellied racer Night snake Striped whipsnake Gopher snake Western terrestrial garter snake Common garter snake Western rattlesnake Common kingsnake

## Birds

Pacific loon Common loon Pied-billed grebe Horned grebe Red-necked grebe Eared grebe Western grebe Clark's grebe American white pelican Double-crested cormorant American bittern Least bittern Great blue heron Great egret Snowy egret Cattle egret Green heron Black-crowned heron White-faced ibis

Tundra swan Trumpeter swan Greater white-fronted goose Snow goose Ross' goose Emperor goose Brant Canada goose Wood duck Green-winged teal Ring-necked duck Greater scaup Lesser scaup Long-tailed duck Harlequin duck Surf scoter White-winged scoter Common goldeneye Barrow's goldeneye Bufflehead Hooded merganser Common merganser **Red-breasted merganser** Ruddy duck Turkey vulture Osprey White-tailed kite Bald eagle Northern harrier Sharp-shinned hawk Cooper's hawk Northern goshawk Swainson's hawk Red-tailed hawk Ferruginous hawk Rough-legged hawk Golden eagle American kestrel Merlin Peregrine falcon Prairie falcon Chukar **Ring-necked pheasant** Blue grouse Ruffed grouse California quail

Mountain quail Yellow rail Virgina rail Sora Northern pintail Northern shoveler Gadwall Eurasian wigeon American wigeon Canvasback Redhead American coot Sandhill crane American golden plover Black-bellied plover Snowy plover Semipalmated plover Killdeer Black-necked stilt American avocet Greater yellowlegs Lesser yellowlegs Willet Solitary sandpiper Whimbrel Long-billed curlew Marbled godwit Ruddy turnstone Red knot Sanderling Western sandpiper Least sandpiper Baird's sandpiper Pectoral sandpiper Dunlin Short-billed dowitcher Long-billed dowitcher Common snipe Wilson's phalarope Red-necked phalarope Franklin's gull Bonaparte's gull Ring-billed gull California gull Herring gull Thayer's gull

Blue-winged teal Cinnamon teal Mallard Glaucous-winged gull Sabine's gull Caspian tern Forster's tern Black tern Mourning dove Rock dove Common barn owl Flammulated owl Western screech-owl Great horned owl Northern pygmy-owl Burrowing owl Northern spotted owl Great gray owl Long-eared owl Short-eared owl Northern saw-whet owl Boreal owl Common nighthawk Common poorwill Vaux's swift White-throated swift Calliope hummingbird Rufous hummingbird Belted kingfisher Lewis' woodpecker Red-naped sapsucker Red-breasted sapsucker Williamson's sapsucker Downy woodpecker Hairy woodpecker White-headed woodpecker Black-backed woodpecker Three-toed woodpecker Acorn woodpecker Northern flicker Pileated woodpecker Olive-sided flycatcher Western wood-pewee Willow flycatcher Hammond's flycatcher Dusky flycatcher Gray flycatcher Cordilleran flycatcher Say's phoebe Ash-throated flycatcher

Western kingbird Eastern kingbird Horned lark Purple martin Tree swallow Violet-green swallow Northern rough-winged swallow Bank swallow Cliff swallow Barn swallow Gray jay Stellar's jay Scrub jay Pinyon jay Clark's nutcracker Black-billed magpie American crow Common raven Black-capped chickadee Mountain chickadee Chestnut-backed chickadee Plain titmouse Bushtit Red-breasted nuthatch White-breasted nuthatch Pygmy nuthatch Brown creeper Rock wren Canyon wren Bewick's wren House wren Winter wren Marsh wren Golden-crowned kinglet Ruby-crowned kinglet Blue-gray gnatcatcher Western bluebird Mountain bluebird Townsend's solitaire Swainson's thrush Hermit thrush American robin Varied thrush Northern waterthrush Sage thrasher American pipit

Bohemian waxwing Cedar waxwing Northern shrike Loggerhead shrike European starling Solitary vireo Warbling vireo Orange-crowned warbler Nashville warbler Yellow warbler Yellow-rumped warbler Black-throated gray warbler Townsend's warbler Hermit warbler MacGillivray's warbler Common yellowthroat Wilson's warbler American redstart Yellow-breasted chat Western tanager Black-headed grosbeak Lazuli bunting Green-tailed towhee Spotted towhee California towhee American tree sparrow Chipping sparrow Brewer's sparrow Vesper sparrow Lark sparrow Sage sparrow Black-throated sparrow Savannah sparrow Fox sparrow Song sparrow Lincoln's sparrow White-throated sparrow Golden-crowned sparrow White-crowned sparrow Harris' sparrow Dark-eyed junco Lapland longspur Snow bunting Red-winged blackbird Tricolored blackbird Western meadowlark

Yellow-headed blackbird Brewer's blackbird Brown-headed cowbird Northern oriole Gray-crowned rosy-finch House finch Cassin's finch Purple finch Red crossbill Pine siskin Lesser goldfinch American goldfinch Evening grosbeak House sparrow

#### Mammals

Vagrant shrew Water shrew Marsh shrew Trowbridge's shrew Merriam's shrew Shrew-mole Broad-footed mole Little brown myotis Yuma myotis Long-eared myotis Fringed myotis Long-legged myotis California myotis Small-footed myotis Silver-haired bat Western pipistrelle Big brown bat Hoary bat Townsend's big-eared bat Pallid bat Spotted bat Brazillian free-tailed bat Covote Red fox Gray fox American black bear Ringtail Raccoon Fisher

Marten Short-tailed weasel Long-tailed weasel American mink American badger Western spotted skunk Striped skunk **River** otter Cougar **Bobcat** Elk Mule deer Pronghorn Least chipmunk Yellow-pine chipmunk Allen's chipmunk Yellow-bellied marmot Belding's ground squirrel Golden-mantled ground squirrel Western gray squirrel Douglas' squirrel Northern flying squirrel Botta's pocket gopher Northern pocket gopher Western pocket gopher Great Basin pocket mouse California kangaroo rat Beaver Western harvest mouse Deer mouse Canyon mouse Brush mouse Pinon mouse Northern grasshopper mouse Dusky-footed woodrat Bushy-tailed woodrat Montana vole Long-tailed vole Sagebrush vole Norway rat House mouse Western jumping mouse Porcupine American pika Pygmy rabbit Mountain cottontail

Snowshoe hare White-tailed jackrabbit Black-tailed jackrabbit

# Appendix E – Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species in Klamath County

#### Mollusks

California floater Oregon floater Western ridged mussel Western pearlshell Modoc peaclam Montane peaclam Klamath duskysnail Mare's egg duskysnail Nodose duskysnail Odessa pebblesnail Ouxy Spring pebblesnail Tall pebblesnail Tiger lily pebblesnail Keene Creek pebblesnail Wood River pebblesnail Casebeer pebblesnail Crooked Creek pebblesnail Klamath pebblesnail Klamath Rim pebblesnail Lake of the Woods pebblesnail Lost River pebblesnail Archimedis springsnail Lost River springsnail Klamath Lake springsnail Great Basin ramshorn Highcap lanx Scale lanx Dall's ramshorn Lined ramshorn Klamath ramshorn Sinitsin ramshorn

#### Insects

Colorado bed bug Schuh's plant bug Cascades apatanian caddisfly Schuh's homoplectran caddisfly Moselyana comosa (no common name) Johnson's hairstreak Leona's little blue Gray blue Mardon skipper

# Fish

Pit-Klamath brook lamprey Miller Lake lamprey Pacific lamprey Rainbow (steelhead, redband) trout Bull trout Chinook salmon Klamath largescale sucker Shortnose sucker Slender sculpin Lost River sucker

## Amphibians

Blotched salamander Clouded salamander Oregon slender salamander Crater Lake newt Western toad Coastal tailed frog Foothill yellow-legged frog Northern red-legged frog Cascades frog Oregon spotted frog Northern leopard frog

## Reptiles

Northern Pacific pond turtle Common kingsnake Northern sagebrush lizard

## Birds

Clark's grebe Western grebe Horned grebe Red-necked grebe Eared grebe Tule goose Trumpeter swan Bufflehead Harlequin duck American white pelican Black tern Caspian tern Forster's tern Barrow's goldeneye Upland sandpiper Western snowy plover Lesser yellowlegs Marbled godwit Long-billed curlew White-faced ibis Snowy egret Yellow rail Greater sandhill crane Western least bittern Common nighthawk Ferruginous hawk Northern goshawk Merlin American peregrine falcon Golden eagle Bald eagle Great gray owl Northern spotted owl Boreal owl Western burrowing owl Flammulated owl Mountain quail Greater sage-grouse Columbian sharp-tailed grouse Pileated woodpecker White-headed woodpecker Black-backed woodpecker American three-toed woodpecker Acorn woodpecker Lewis' woodpecker Williamson's sapsucker Tricolored blackbird Western meadowlark Western bluebird Yellow-billed cuckoo Pinyon jay Loggerhead shrike Sage thrasher Northern waterthrush Olive-sided flycatcher Willow flycatcher Purple martin Horned lark Rufus hummingbird Calliope hummingbird Yellow-breasted chat

Slender-billed nuthatch Green-tailed towhee Black-throated sparrow Vesper sparrow Brewer's sparrow Purple finch

### Mammals

Preble's shrew Brazilian free-tailed bat Pallid bat Townsend's big-eared bat Silver-haired bat Hoary bat California myotis Western small-footed myotis Long-eared myotis Fringed myotis Long-legged myotis Yuma myotis Ringtail Pygmy rabbit Black-tailed jackrabbit White-tailed jackrabbit Western gray squirrel Wolverine American marten Fisher Grizzly bear Gray wolf Kit fox Canada lynx

# Appendix F – Sensitive Plant Species in Klamath County

Abrupt-beaked sedge Awned sedge Capitate sedge Bristly sedge Involute-leaved sedge Sedge Bolander onion Two-stemmed onion Crater Lake rockcress Shasta arnica Lahontan sagebrush Green-flowered wild-ginger Grass-fern Applegate's milk-vetch Lemmon's milk-vetch Peck's milk-vetch Lance-leaved grape-fern Pumice grape-fern Northern water-starwort Greene's mariposa-lily Long-bearded mariposa-lily **One-leaved calochortus** Dissected toothwort Bulb-bearing water-hemlock Mount Mazama collomia Pine woods cryptantha Golden alpine draba Elmera Dwarf isopyrum Swamp willow-herb Cascade daisy Inland coyote-thistle Jaynes Canyon buckwheat Prostrate buckwheat Shast buckwheat Newberry's gentian Sierra gentian Alva Day's gilia White-margined waxplant Beautiful stickseed Whitney's haplopappus Salt heliotrope Greene's hawkweed Baker's globe-mallow Kellogg's dwarf rush Flowering quillwort

Kellogg's lily Bellinger's meadow-foam Aristulate lipocarpha Anderson's lupine Northern bog clubmoss Nodding melic Disappearing monkeyflower Jepson's monkeyflower Three-colored monkeyflower Common water-milfoil Lobb's nama Tehama navarretia White-flowered navarretia Blue-leaved penstemon Red-root yampah Playa phacelia American pillwort Dense-flower rein orchid Desert allocarya Profuse-flowered pogogyne Dotted smartweed Kruckeberg's sword-fern Rafinesque's pondweed Fibrous pondweed Slender pondweed Klamath gooseberry Columbia cress Long-lobe arrowhead Polished willow Sierra willow Scheuchzeria Water clubrush Slender bulrush Norhwestern yellow flax Fringed campion Suksdorf's campion California mountain ash Short-podded thelypody Howell's thelypody Narrow mannagrass Lesser bladderwort

# Appendix G - Acronyms and Abbreviations used in the report

APLIC--Avian Power Line Interaction Committee BLM—US Bureau of Land Management BMP—best management practices BMPSHP-- Bryant Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project FERC—Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ODEQ--Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ODFW—Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife TMDL—total maximum daily loads USDI—US Department of the Interior USFWS—US Fish & Wildlife Service USGS—US Geological Survey VRM--visual resource management

APE-- area of potential effect