



Property acquisition near Salem to benefit fish and wildlife in Oregon

What's happening?

The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon to purchase the "Oak Haven" property, a 102-acre parcel of land in western Oregon. In exchange, CTSI would grant BPA a conservation easement over the property to permanently protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat.

BPA would also provide stewardship funds to the CTSI for maintenance and management of the property. Stewardship management may include, but is not limited to: public outreach, site monitoring, habitat mapping, encroachment monitoring, invasive species monitoring and control, and annual maintenance of boundary fencing, signage or gates.

The property provides an opportunity to restore and protect a diverse complex of high-priority rare habitat types including 50 acres of healthy oak woodland and riparian habitat associated with Marion Creek, which would benefit wildlife such as the slender-billed white-breasted nuthatch and acorn woodpecker. The remainder of the site is for agricultural use.

The CTSI would develop a land management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat and other resources on the property. The land management plan would be reviewed by BPA for consistency with the purpose of the acquisition. If BPA proposes to fund any additional activities on the property, further environmental review may be conducted.

Where is this happening?

The property being acquired is located about five miles southeast of Salem in Marion County, Oregon. See the map on the reverse side for the precise location.



Protecting this property will benefit many species including the Acorn Woodpecker. Photo credit, National Audubon Society.

Why is this happening?

Funding the purchase of the property and long-term stewardship would satisfy some of BPA's commitments made in the 2010 "Willamette River Basin Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Wildlife Habitat Protection and Enhancement between the State of Oregon and the Bonneville Power Administration."

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please feel free to contact the project manager, Corrie Veenstra, at 503-230-3503, or cxveenstra@bpa.gov. You can also call BPA Communications toll-free at 800-622-4519. Please refer to the "Oak Haven" land acquisition.





Oak Haven Land Acquisition

Marion County, OR (102.3 Acres)

 Proposed Acquisition Area



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