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MEMORANDUM

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File No. 24-032701

TO: Benton County
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FROM: Rochelle Goss, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Prosser Tap to Grandview-Red Mountain Transmission Line. BPA proposes to rebuild and reconfigure a disconnect switch system along the Grandview-Red Mountain No. 1 Transmission Line at Prosser Tap. The existing switches are over 70 years old and have reached their end of service life. This CX has been updated to reflect easement acquisition on WA DNR-managed lands. BPA proposes to remove the existing switch at structure ½ and construct a new switch on a permanent bypass, which would be located along the north side of the Grandview-Red Mountain No. 1 Transmission Line. The legs of the old switch stand and platform would be cut off just below the surface and the footings would be left in place. A temporary shoofly consisting of six wood poles with guys on five of them would be installed to keep the city of Prosser energized during construction. These poles would be installed in new holes and be in place for approximately six weeks. Located in Section 36, Township 10 North, Range 24 East, W.M., Benton County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and SEPA Checklist can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/other-projects>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **March 27, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **April 10, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.