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**To: All Interested Persons**

## **Public Scoping Input Requested**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is asking for your help in identifying issues and concerns that you may have regarding an environmental analysis for proposed geophysical and geotechnical investigations on BLM-managed lands in the Swan Lake area. An interdisciplinary team will use your comments to assist in analysis of the proposed action. You may send your comments to me at the address above or submit them electronically to the e-mail address above. We would like to have your input by **August 10, 2015**.

## **Proposal**

The Klamath Falls Resource Area (KFRA) has been requested by Swan Lake North Hydro, LLC and EDF-Renewable Energy to issue a short term right-of-way to conduct geotechnical investigations on BLM lands. The proposed project area is located approximately 11 miles northeast of Klamath Falls in Klamath County, Oregon, Township 37 South, Range 10 East, in Sections 03, 04, 09, 10, and 16 (see Figure 1). The purpose of the investigation is to collect geotechnical soil property information in preparation for the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) application for the proposed Swan Lake North Pumped Storage Project.

The proposed investigations would include the drilling of three boreholes approximately 6 to 18 inches in diameter and one trial pit, as shown by the red dots (core bore holes) and yellow dot (trial pit) in Figure 1. Proposed seismic studies would include the collection of seismic reflection and refraction data using seismographs and geophones. All work areas will be accessed via existing roads where possible. The studies are anticipated to begin in late summer 2015, and are expected to take approximately 30 days to complete.

FERC is the lead agency in preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the pumped storage project and transmission line at a later date. BLM is seeking input on the proposed geotechnical soil testing only.

**Further Information**

For further information, contact Debora Boudreau at 541-883-6916.

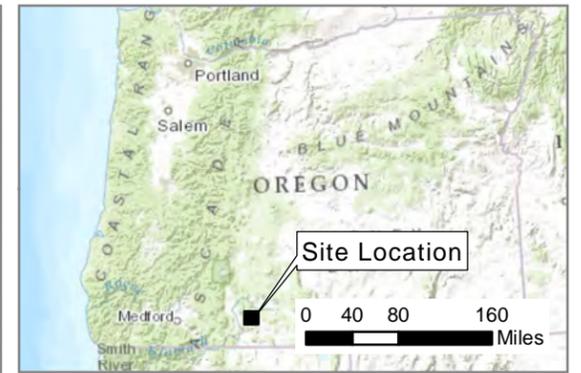
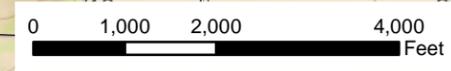
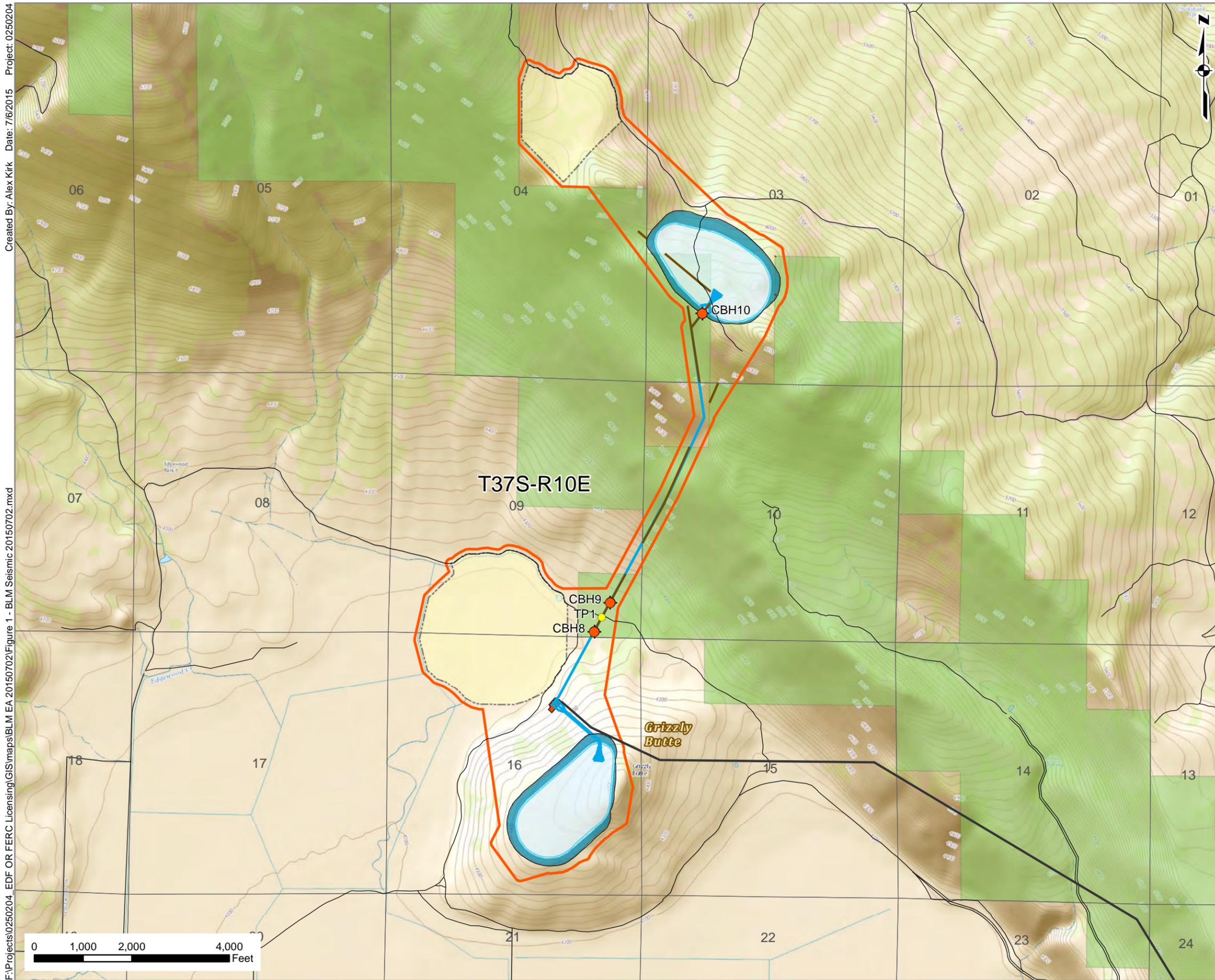
Once an Environmental Assessment for the geophysical and geotechnical investigations has been prepared, the public will be notified again to review and provide comments.

**NOTE:** Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored by the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Donald J. Holmstrom*

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**Legend**

- Core Bore Hole
- Trial Pits
- Seismic Refraction Survey Lines
- Proposed Penstock (Aboveground)
- Proposed Transmission Line
- Proposed Reservoirs
- Proposed Reservoir Berm Outer Slope
- Proposed Powerhouse
- Proposed Laydown Area
- Study Area
- BLM Lands

**Figure 1**  
Proposed Projects on BLM Lands  
Swan Lake North Hydro Project  
Klamath County, Oregon