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P Canal Delivery and Sale of Temporary Surplus Water
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Proposed Action

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is proposing the sale and delivery of surplus Klamath Project (Project) water, when available, for beneficial use on Project lands for water years 2027 through 2032 (October 1 through September 30).

Description

Pursuant to the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), the Reclamation Project Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), and the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982 (96 Stat. 1263), Reclamation proposes to enter into temporary surplus water service contracts for delivery of up to 10,000 acre-feet of water from the P Canal system for water years 2027 through 2032 (October 1 through September 30). This Proposed Action is essentially a continuation, or renewal, of a contract program made available since 2016, which included two five-year cycles: 2016 through 2021 and 2022 through 2027.

Water measurement and metering would be required to be utilized at the point of delivery under the temporary contracts. The availability of surplus water would be determined by the Klamath Basin Area Office Manager, and there may be instances throughout the duration of the contract periods that no water is available to contractors.

In establishment and fulfillment of any temporary surplus water contracts there would be no changes to current operations and maintenance of the existing P-Canal facilities. Water delivery would occur through existing facilities and no construction nor ground disturbing activities would be performed as result of the Proposed Action.

Temporary surplus water is defined as a supply of water made possible during the water year as a result of unusually large water supply not otherwise storable for Project purposes, or infrequent/unmanaged flood flows of short duration. Provided hydrologic conditions materialize, total surplus water delivery under temporary water contracts would be approximately 10,000 acre-feet on an annual basis when water supplies are deemed available.

Location

Lands that may be served by temporary surplus water contracts under this Proposed Action are located in Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10 of Township 47 North, Range 3 East and

Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 34, and 35 of Township 48 North, Range 3 East of the Mount Diablo Meridian in Siskiyou County, California (see Attachment A map).

Exclusion Category

Department of the Interior National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Handbook, 516 Department Manual (DM) 1, Appendix 2, Reclamation, 14.5 D (4):

Approval, execution, administration, and implementation of water related contracts and contract renewals, amendments, supplements, and assignments, and water transfers, exchanges, and replacements, for which one or more of the following apply: (a) for minor amounts of long-term water use, where the action does not lead to long-term changes and impacts are expected to be minor and localized; (b) for temporary (limited to 1 year or less) or interim (limited to 10 years or less) water use where the action does not lead to long-term changes and where the impacts are expected to be minor and localized; or (c) where the only result will be to implement an administrative or financial practice or change. A ''water related'' contract is any legally binding agreement to which Reclamation becomes a party, pursuant to its authority under Federal law that (1) makes water available from or to the United States; (2) allows water to be stored, removed, introduced, conveyed, carried, or delivered in facilities Reclamation owns, manages, operates, or funds; or (3) establishes operation, maintenance, and replacement responsibilities for such facilities.

Extraordinary Circumstances

Below is documentation that Reclamation considered whether there were Extraordinary Circumstances associated with the Proposed Action. The criteria reflect the Extraordinary Circumstances detailed in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §46.215 and Departmental and Reclamation policy on Indian Trust Assets (ITAs).

Extraordinary Circumstance	Yes, No, or Uncertain
1. The proposed action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR §46.215(a)).	No

Extraordinary Circumstance	Yes, No, or Uncertain
2. The proposed action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; flood plains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR §46.215 (b)).	No
3. The proposed action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks (43 CFR §46.215(c)).	No
4. The proposed action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR §46.215 (d)).	No
5. The proposed action would have a direct relationship to other actions that implicate potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR §46.215 (e)).	No
6. The proposed action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01) (43 CFR §46.215 (f)).	No
7. The proposed action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species (43 CFR §46.215 (g)).	No
8. The proposed action would significantly limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (43 CFR §46.215 (h), and 512 DM 3).	No
9. The proposed action would contribute to potentially significant effects resulting from the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, and 43 CFR §46.215 (i)).	No
10. The proposed action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2 and Reclamation Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993).	No

National Historic Preservation Act Determination

Reclamation determined that the Proposed Action does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to Title 54 United States Code (USC) §306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regulations codified at 36 CFR §800.3(a)(1). Attachment B includes the determination document from Reclamation's Regional Cultural Resources Branch staff.

Indian Trust Assets Determination

Indian Trust Assets (ITAs) are legal interests in property or rights held in trust by the United States for Indian Tribes or individuals. As indicated in Attachment C, there are no Indian reservations, rancherias, or allotments in the Proposed Action area; the nearest ITA is the Klamath Tribal Designated Statistical Area about 8.29 miles north-northwest from the northern aspect of the action area. Based on this fact and the nature of the proposed work, the Proposed Action does not appear to be in an area that will impact Indian hunting or fishing resources or water rights, nor is the proposed activity on actual Indian lands. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that the Proposed Action would not have any impacts on ITAs.

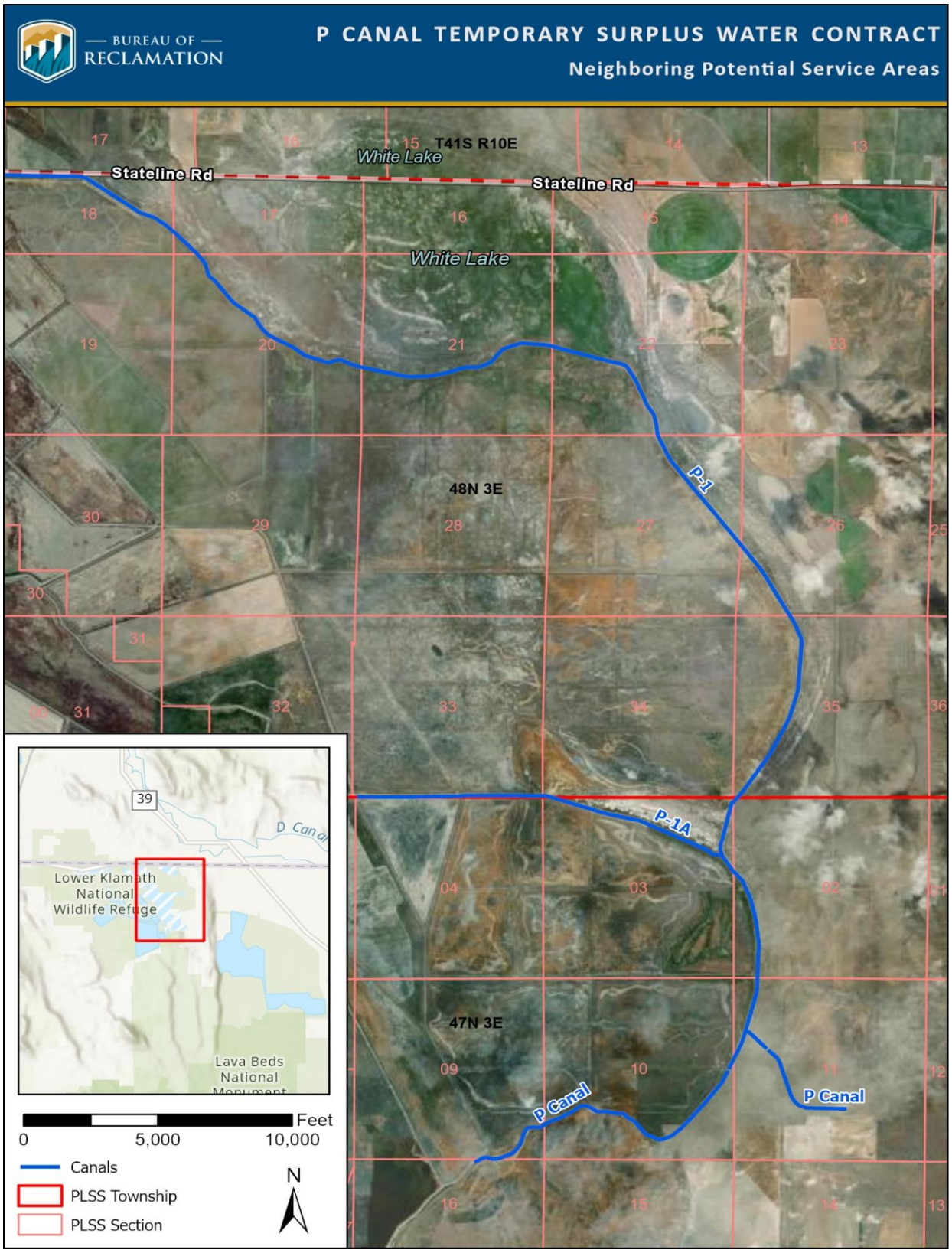
Endangered Species Act Determination

In review of the Proposed Action, Reclamation determined that the Proposed Action would have no effect upon federally listed species or designated critical habitat protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA; 16 USC §§1531 et seq).

NEPA Action Recommended

This document certifies that Reclamation has considered all relevant information raised in the NEPA process and that the NEPA process has concluded. The Proposed Action is covered by an Exclusion Category, and no Extraordinary Circumstances exist; therefore, it is excluded from further documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. The Proposed Action described above complies with applicable laws, including the ESA and NHPA, and does not require mitigation measures. Public involvement did not occur as part of this process. Reclamation may proceed with the consideration of delivering/selling temporary surplus water via the P Canal and may implement the Proposed Action under the authority of the Reclamation Act of 1902, the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

Attachment A: Proposed Action Map



Attachment B: NHPA Compliance

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch (CGB-153)

CGB-153 Tracking Number: 26-KBAO-199

Project Name: P Canal Delivery and Sale of Temporary Surplus Water

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CGB-153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: William Norton, Archaeologist

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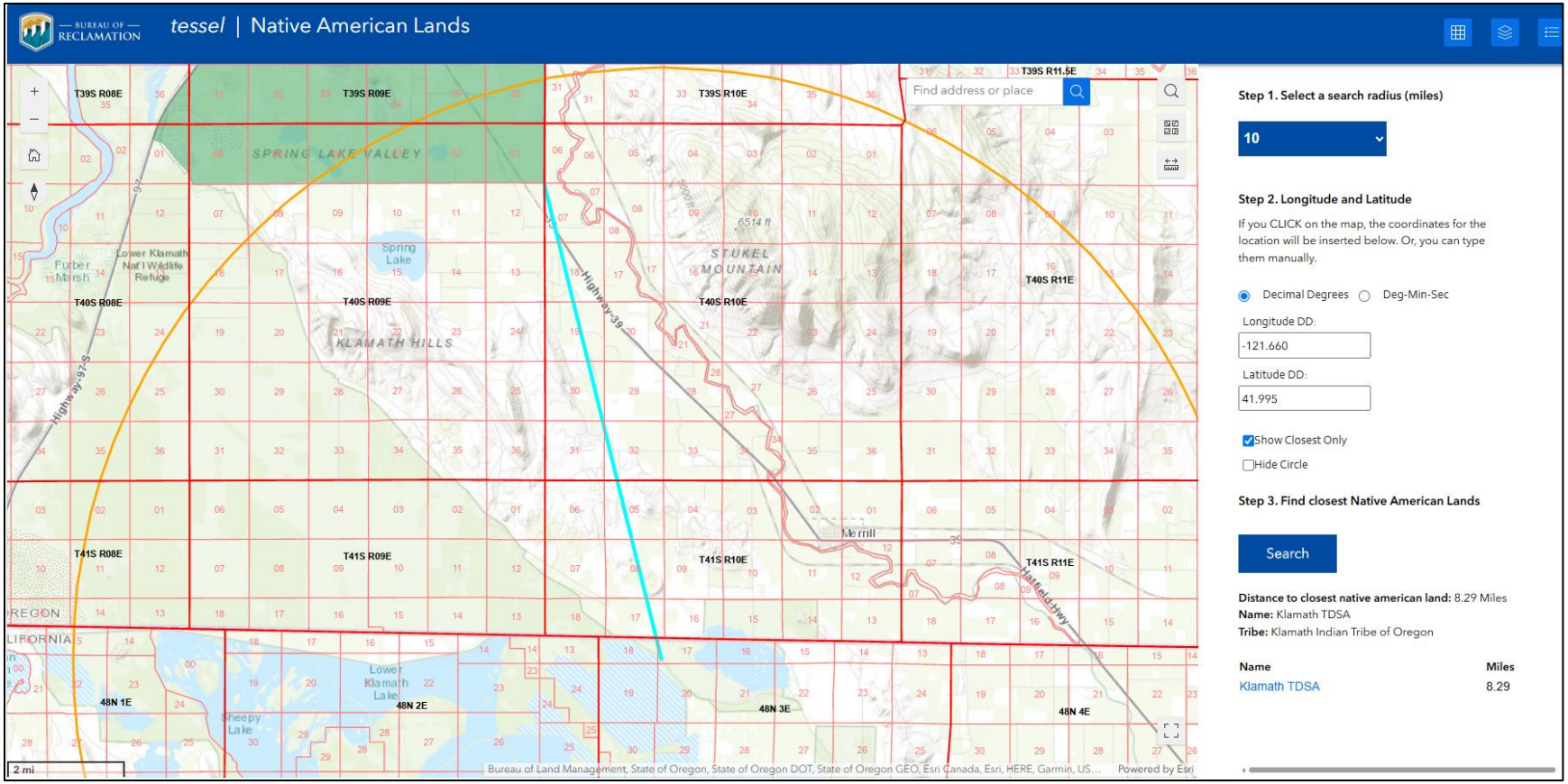
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Reclamation proposes the sale and delivery of surplus Klamath Project (Project) water, when available, through temporary water service contracts for water years 2027 through 2032 (October 1 through September 30). This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to the Title 54 U.S.C. § 306108, commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regulations codified at 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Reclamation has no further obligations under NHPA Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

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This document is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. As defined, this action would not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01) (43 CFR 46.215 (g). Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should changes be made to this project, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), may be necessary. Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.

Attachment C: Image of Proposed Action Area Relative to ITA



The northern extreme of the Proposed Action area occurs at the south end (bottom) of the blue-colored line. It is roughly 8.29 miles away from the green shaded polygon, which represents the Klamath Tribal Designated Statistical Area.