

## **Clarification of SEPA Scoping Notice regarding Alternative Feed Route Proposal**

On page 2 of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Scoping Notice for the Columbia River Management Program, a description was provided of a proposed “early activity” involving development of an alternative feed route to the Potholes Reservoir. Specifically, the early activity was described in the scoping notice as follows:

“A proposal by the Bureau of Reclamation to provide an alternative feed route for water released from Pinto Dam at Billy Clapp Lake to reach the Potholes Reservoir through a reach of Crab Creek . . . .”

Crab Creek is one of several alternative routes under consideration by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Also under consideration are a Frenchman Hills route, using mostly existing Bureau of Reclamation conveyance infrastructure, and what is referred to as the W20 route, involving use of Reclamation’s existing W20 lateral and construction of a new extension to Moses Lake. All three alternatives will be evaluated in the SEPA Environmental Impact Statement for the Columbia River.