

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agriculture Research Service (ARS) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to grant a temporary right of entry to Rocky Mountain Power to bury approximately 0.9 miles of overhead 7.2 kV electrical distribution lines in an existing easement at the Range Sheep Production Efficiency Research Unit. The proposed action is a very small part of a much larger regional effort of Rocky Mountain Power to improve the reliability and wildfire resistance of the electrical distribution system in Idaho.

An EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and USDA-ARS regulations. The EA provides information necessary to determine whether an environmental impact statement (EIS) should be prepared or if a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) decision can be made.

Consideration of the activities involved in the proposed action at the Range Sheep Production Efficiency Research Unit has been determined to have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment or on local natural resources. As a result of this EA, it is determined that an EIS is not required for the Proposed Action; therefore, a FONSI is recommended.

The EA and the FONSI are available for viewing at the following website: [Pacific West Area : USDA ARS](#). Please contact Phil Smith, Safety and Occupational Health Manager, via email at phil.smith@usda.gov for additional information or questions.