



Forest Park Conservancy

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In the next few weeks, Portland General Electric (PGE) is expected to submit a land use application that will clear-cut five acres of forest in the northern part of Forest Park off of Highway 30 and near the Harborton frog crossing. This area has significant natural resources that need to be protected – it is a wetland where the red-legged frog, which is federally recognized as a species of concern and protected in Oregon, lives. We are also concerned that the proposed level of impact would not be consistent with the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan, adopted by the city in 1995. FPC is deeply concerned about the environmental impact that this project will have.

FPC is waiting to see an alternatives analysis and environmental impact study, which will be included in the full application expected to be submitted at the end of April or early May, as indicated by PGE.

Following submission of the application, Forest Park Conservancy and partner organizations will thoroughly evaluate the findings PGE has been working on over the past two years. After this evaluation, we will provide an updated statement which will include any additional concerns we might have.

While we understand the need for reliable energy, the potential impact on such crucial habitat within Forest Park is of major concern to us as stewards of Forest Park. Additionally, clearcutting this area in Forest Park sets a dangerous precedent for what PGE has already indicated is one phase of a multiphased project to be completed in the next six years.

If you wish to stay informed and contribute to the public comment period, which will last for 30 days after the application is submitted, please [subscribe to the FPC e-newsletter](#). We will send out regular updates as we learn them. You can also stay updated by following us on social media: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

-Marianne Wilburn, FPC Interim Executive Director

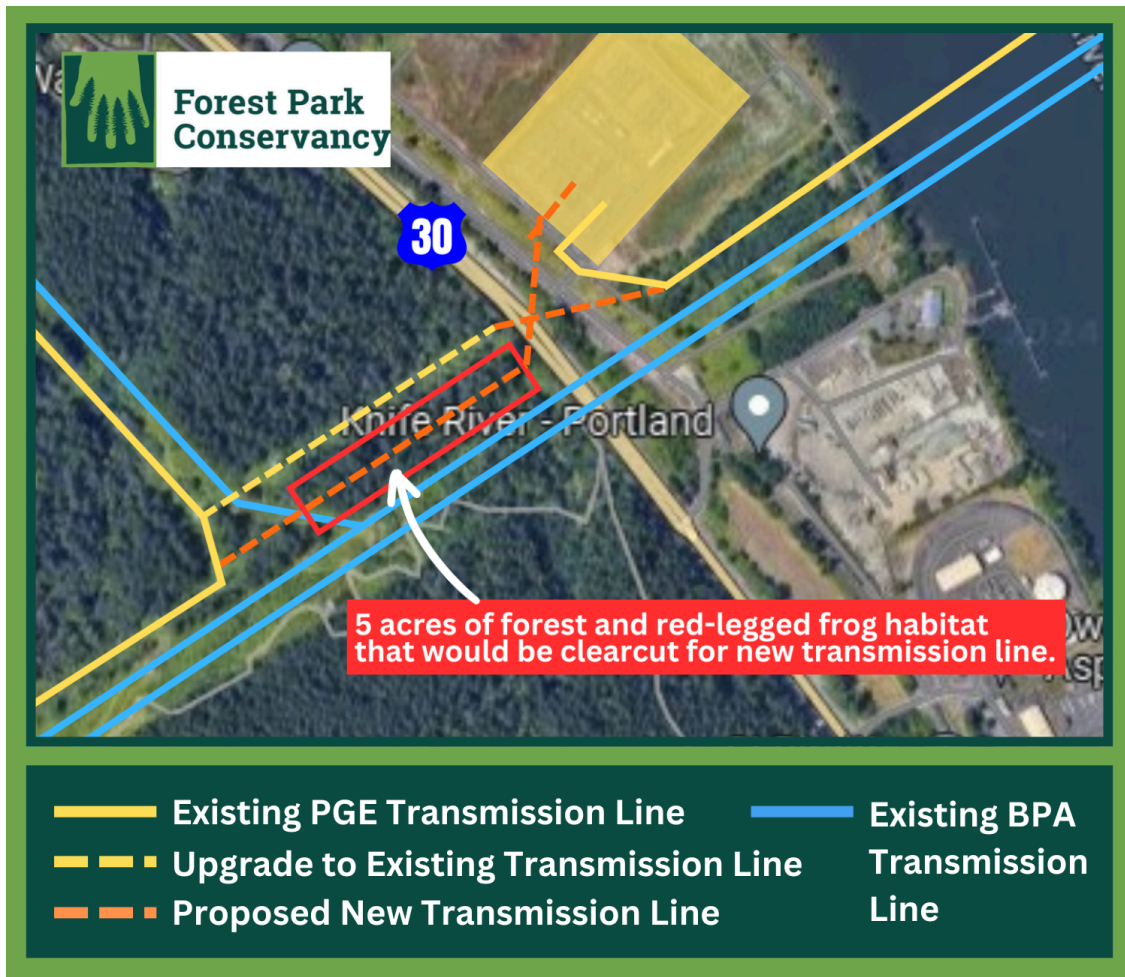
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Images taken from the proposed work area. Photos taken by FPC staff and board members.



Map depicting what five acres of trees in the project area will likely entail.



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FPC staff viewing the area under the existing PGE transmission line where previous clearcutting had occurred.



The northern red-legged frog, a federally recognized species of concern that is listed as “Sensitive” in the state of Oregon. Images taken during the [2015 “frog shuttle” effort](#).