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Burglars hit BPA communication site; reward offered for tips

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Bonneville Power Administration is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people responsible for breaking in to one of its microwave communication sites.

Three times in the past year, burglars have forced entry to the facility at Goodwin Peak in the Oregon coast range approximately 10 miles east of Florence. The burglaries have resulted in \$2,200 in damage to the equipment.

BPA is working closely with the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Coast Guard and local law enforcement agencies in attempting to solve the crimes.

The incidents at Goodwin Peak are similar to break-ins at non-federal communication sites within a 30 to 50 mile radius, and law enforcement investigators indicate the burglaries may all be related.

In addition to seeking information about the Goodwin Peak burglaries, BPA is asking for information on the identity of the people responsible for any of the break-ins at the non-federal communication facilities in the area.

BPA offers up to \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of individuals breaking into and vandalizing federal government property. Since 1994, BPA's Crime Witness program has generated hundreds of tips resulting in dozens of arrests, thousands of dollars of recovered property and deterrence of future crime. The program has saved BPA ratepayers more than \$4 million.

Anyone with information is encouraged to report by calling the BPA Crime Witness Hotline: (800) 437-2744.

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