

## **Adverse Effects that Cannot be Avoided**

Implementation of the proposed project would result in some adverse impacts that cannot be fully avoided; many of the impacts would be temporary and others longer term. These impacts and proposed mitigation are discussed under specific resource sections earlier in this chapter. Some of the adverse effects that cannot be avoided in the proposed project include the following:

- Temporary and permanent conversions of land areas to be used for structure sites, access roads, staging areas, tensioning sites, and expansion of Bell Substation.
- Interference with farming operations.
- Temporary disturbances to recreational users, traffic, and residents near the corridor during construction.
- Restriction on commercial land use (RV parking) at a location in the north Spokane area.
- Increased noise levels during construction and operation.
- Potential for health effects from magnetic fields.
- Visual impacts associated with the proposed lattice steel towers.
- Short-term increase in pollutant levels during construction from dust and vehicles.
- Disturbance to historic site at Bell Substation expansion.
- Negligible reduction in agricultural production.
- The elimination of small areas of vegetation, including wetland buffer and riparian vegetation, due to permanent physical developments such as transmission line structures and maintenance roads.
- Short-term soil compaction, erosion, vegetation degradation, and stream sedimentation from construction and maintenance.
- Short-term disturbance to wildlife during construction.
- A reduction in the amount of forested and shrub/steppe vegetation available for wildlife habitat.