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SUBJECT: T/Ditt2 Proposed rebuild of the Libby (FEC) to Troy Section of BPA's Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line

To whom it may Concern;

I have received and reviewed the request for input for the T/Ditt2 project proposal. My comments are for Fisheries related resources.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks concerns are for the proposed crossing of Quartz Creek and the subsequent removal of the current line. Quartz Creek is a core spawning and rearing stream for ESA listed bull trout. The proposed project crosses an area that has historically been used for spawning. This should be included in any analysis of the proposed project.

Additionally, there is a new proposed crossing of the Kootenai River. Construction of that crossing and demolition of the existing line may have some impact on fisheries in the river at that point which should be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

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