



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: KEC - 4

**To: People Interested in the Proposed Perry Creek Acquisition under the Federal Columbia River Power System Mitigation Program**

Bonneville Power Administration is providing funds to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to purchase approximately 167 acres of land in Lake County, Montana, near the community of Swan Lake. BPA is sending this letter to inform nearby residents and other interested parties of this proposed land purchase.

BPA is funding this acquisition as part of ongoing efforts to mitigate for the impacts of Hungry Horse hydroelectric facility on the South Fork of the Flathead River. The property includes 1.5 km of riparian and wetland habitat along the Swan River and two tributaries -- Perry Creek and Squaw Creek. Habitat protected by this land acquisition will benefit; bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, grizzly bears, black bears, deer, elk, moose, waterfowl, and other native wildlife. Currently the area is used for public hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation.

Enclosed you will find a map on this land purchase. BPA has prepared a memo and environmental checklist documenting that our funding of the purchase of this property is categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act, and that further environmental review of this funding action is therefore not required. This categorical exclusion was approved on June 1, 2011, and has been posted on BPA's website at: [http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/categoricalexclusions.aspx](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/categoricalexclusions.aspx).

After the transaction is complete, MFWP will manage the property to maintain habitat for fish and wildlife. MFWP will develop a management plan for the property and provide the public the opportunity for involvement in developing the plan. There will also be opportunities for the public to review and comment on the management plan before any new actions occur on the property. Interim management activities on the property include managing invasive weeds. Current water rights will be changed from domestic to fish and wildlife use after the acquisition.

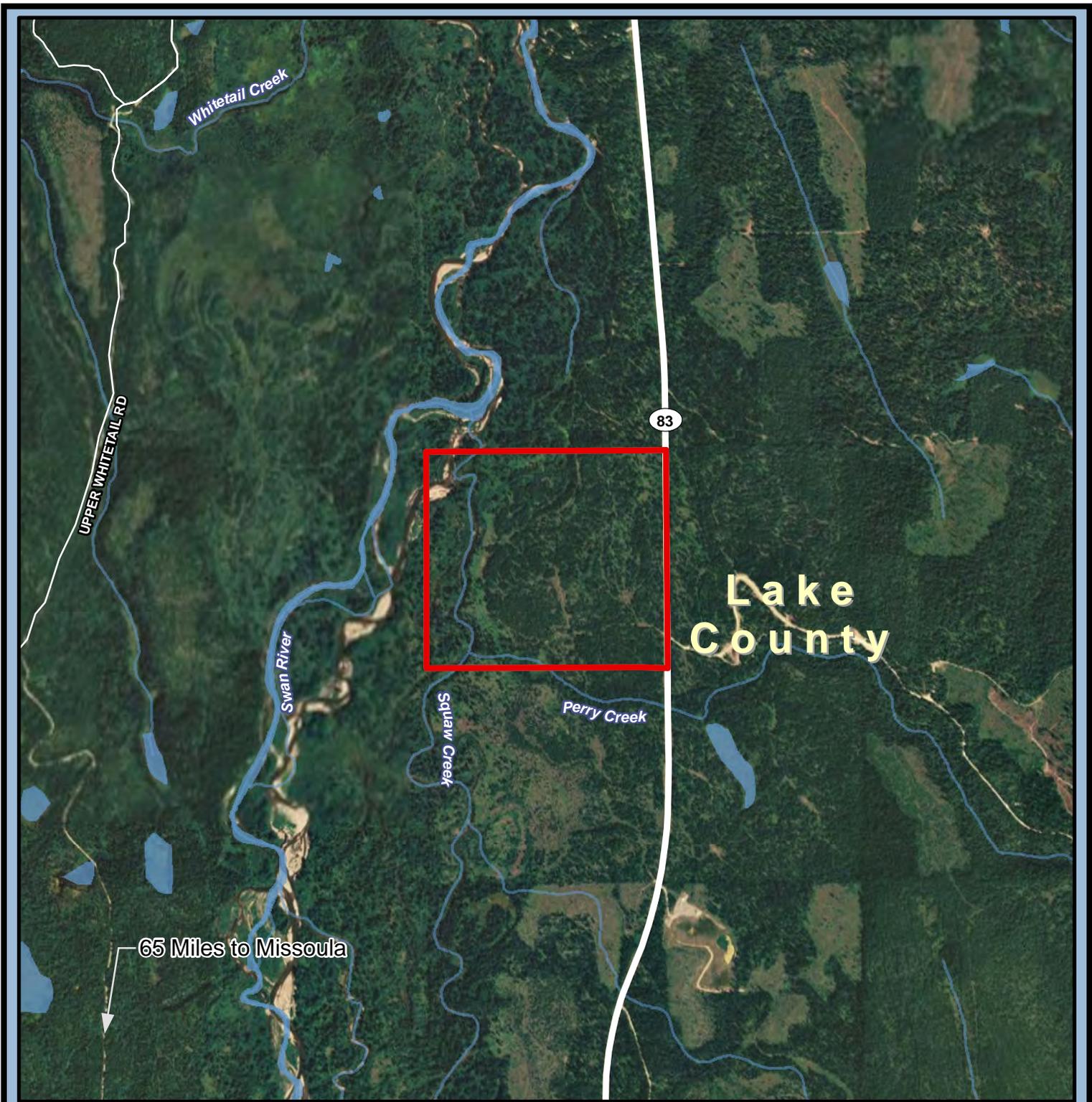
If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please feel free to contact Cecilia Brown, BPA Project Manager, at (503) 230-3462, or [ckbrown@bpa.gov](mailto:ckbrown@bpa.gov). You may also contact me at (503) 230-4071, or [hadondy-kaplan@bpa.gov](mailto:hadondy-kaplan@bpa.gov). You can also call toll free (800) 622-4519.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Hannah Dondy-Kaplan*

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Enclosure:  
Map



**Perry Creek Land Acquisition Boundaries**

Cilly Creek Quadrangle  
(177 Acres)

 Subject Property

