



Department of Energy

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

November 21, 2017

In reply refer to: EC-4

Dear Landowner/interested party:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to fund the purchase of approximately 30 acres of riparian, wetland and upland habitat, located along the Jocko River in Lake County, Montana. When the purchase is complete, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will own and manage the property for fish and wildlife conservation purposes. The United States would hold a conservation easement, which BPA would manage, to permanently protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat. BPA is sending this letter to inform nearby residents and other interested parties of this land purchase.

The funding will be provided as part of BPA's ongoing efforts to protect, restore, and enhance habitat for bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout as partial mitigation for the construction and operation of the Hungry Horse federal hydroelectric facility on the South Fork of the Flathead River.

Enclosed you will find a map detailing this land transaction. BPA has prepared a categorical exclusion and environmental checklist documenting that no further environmental review of this funding action is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This documentation, known as a categorical exclusion, was approved on November 17, 2017, and is posted on BPA's website at:

<https://www.bpa.gov/efw/Analysis/CategoricalExclusions/Pages/2017.aspx>

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on the property. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will provide the opportunity for the public to review the draft plan. BPA will review the plan for consistency with the purpose of the acquisition and the terms and conditions of the conservation easement prior to its implementation. If BPA proposes to fund any restoration activities on this property, additional environmental review would be conducted.

If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please feel free to contact the project manager, Cecilia Brown at 503-230-3460 or ckbrown@bpa.gov. You can also call toll free 800-622-4519. Please refer to the Ravalli Curves Land Acquisition.

Sincerely,



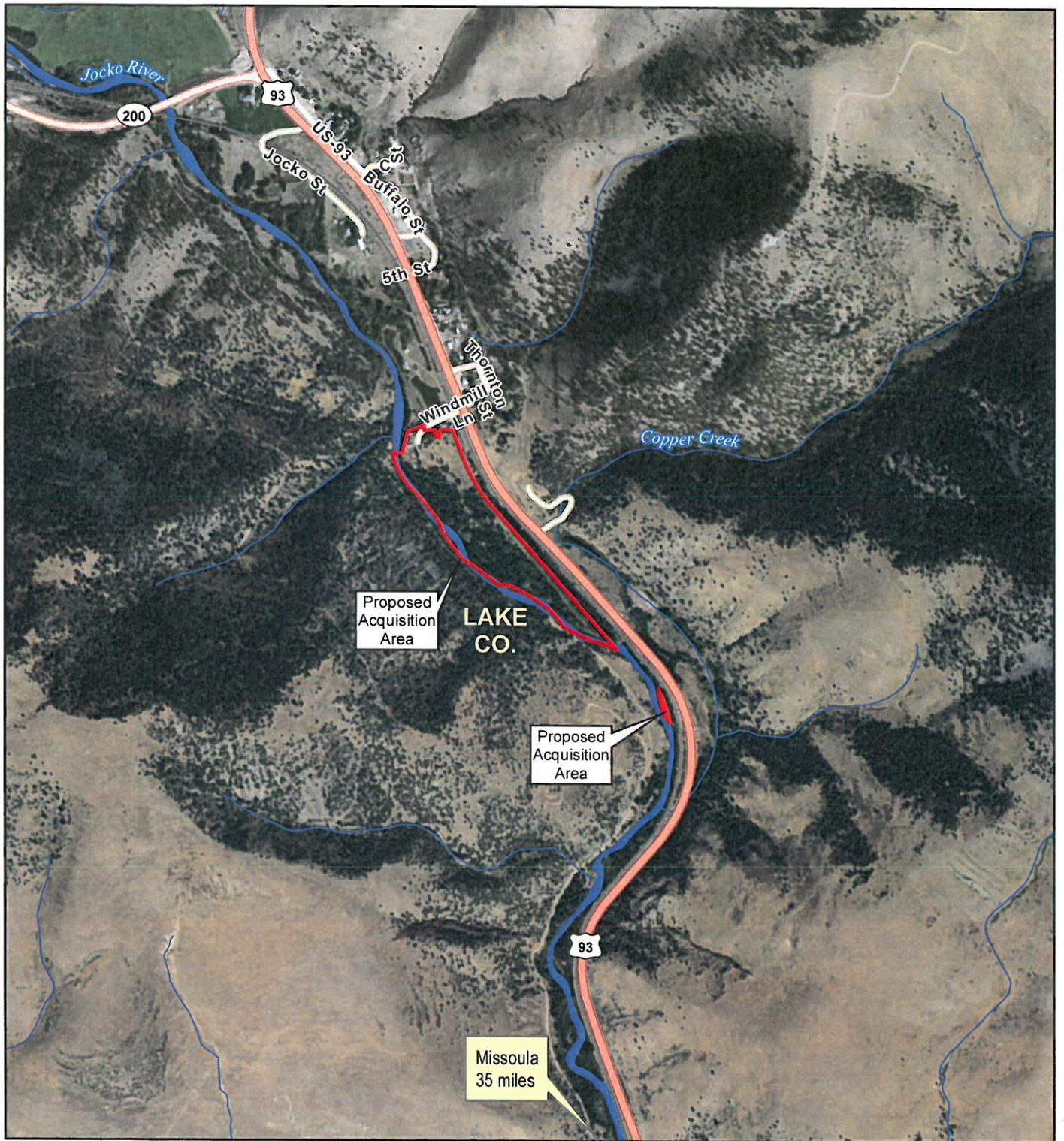
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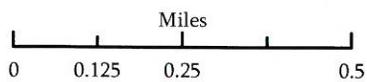
Enclosure: Vicinity Map



Ravalli Curves Land Acquisition Public Notification Map

Lake County, MT - Ravalli 24k USGS Quadrangle
(30.95 Acres)

 Proposed Acquisition Area



November 16, 2017

