



## Department of Energy

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

August 5, 2013

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Dear Landowner/interested party:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to fund the purchase of three properties in Lake and Flathead Counties, MT. The properties include:

- Little Shell - 59 acres of riparian habitat along the Flathead River, Flathead County, MT,
- Spring Creek – 9.5 acres of riparian habitat along Spring Creek, Lake County, MT, and
- Upper Jocko River – 5 acres of riparian habitat along the Upper Jocko River, Lake County, MT

When the purchases are complete, the Salish and Kootenai Tribes will own and manage the properties for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, and will grant to BPA conservation easements to ensure that the habitat values on the properties are always protected. BPA is sending this letter to inform nearby residents and other interested parties of these land purchases.

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 mitigation for the construction and operation of the Hungry Horse hydroelectric facility on the South Fork of the Flathead River

Enclosed you will find maps showing the lands that are subject to these transactions. BPA has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of funding these acquisitions and has determined that the actions are categorically excluded from further environmental review and documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The categorical exclusion determination memos and environmental checklists were approved on July 16, 2013 and are posted on BPA's website at:

[http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/categorical\\_exclusions.aspx](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/categorical_exclusions.aspx)

The Salish and Kootenai Tribes will develop management plans, to be reviewed and approved by BPA, which will guide the protection and enhancement of habitat on each property and provide for long term stewardship of the land. The Salish and Kootenai Tribes will invite the public to provide suggestions as to what should be included in the management plans. Management actions may include fencing repair or construction to protect the land from livestock grazing. If BPA proposes to fund any of these activities, we will conduct additional environmental review under NEPA and other statutes as appropriate.

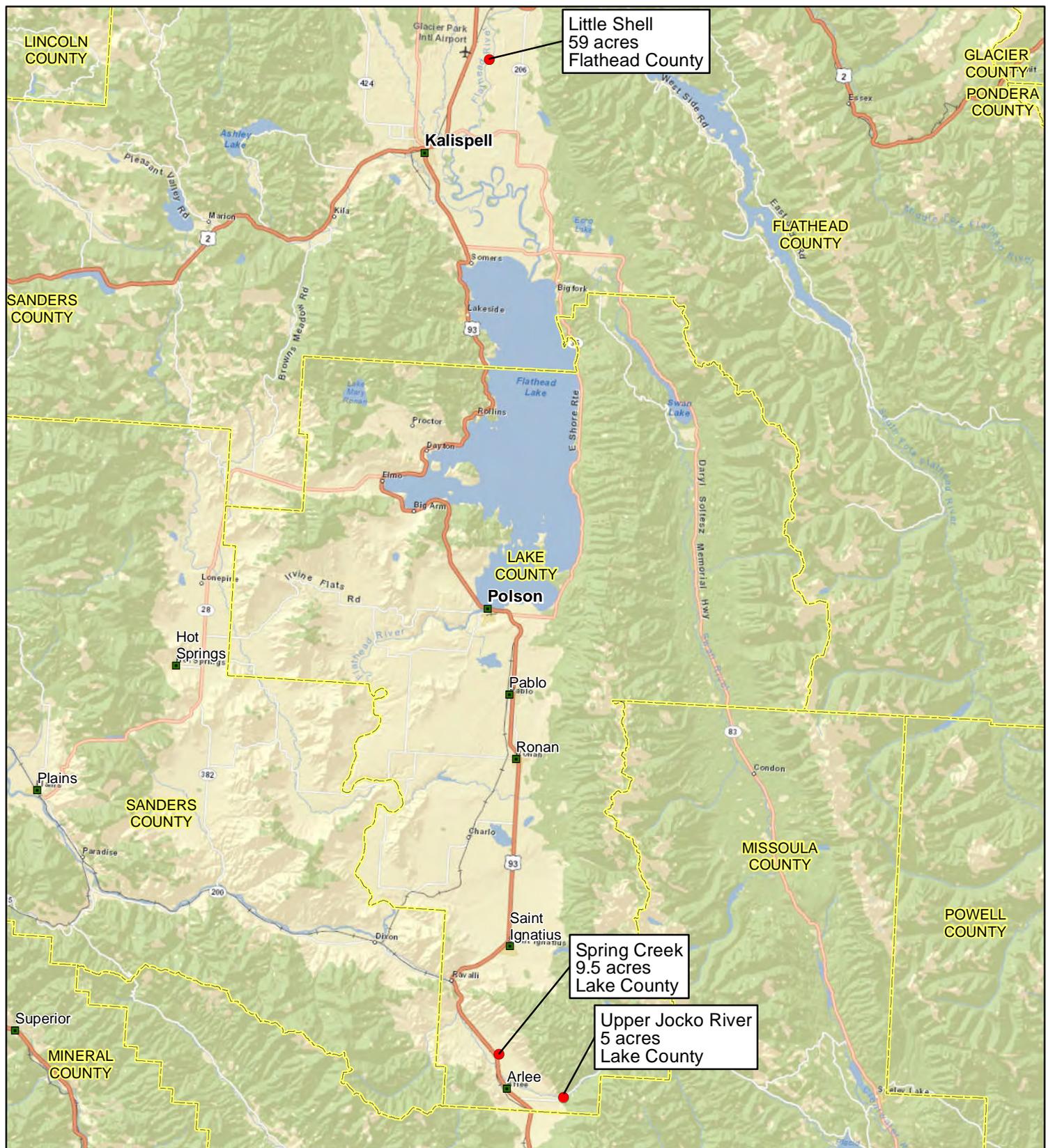
If you have any questions regarding these land purchases, please feel free to contact the project manager, Cecilia Brown, at (503) 230-3462, or [ckbrown@bpa.gov](mailto:ckbrown@bpa.gov). You can also call toll free 800-622-4519. Please refer to the "Little Shell," "Spring Creek," or "Upper Jocko River" Land Acquisitions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kim Johnson*

Kim Johnson  
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Enclosure: Overview and Vicinity Maps

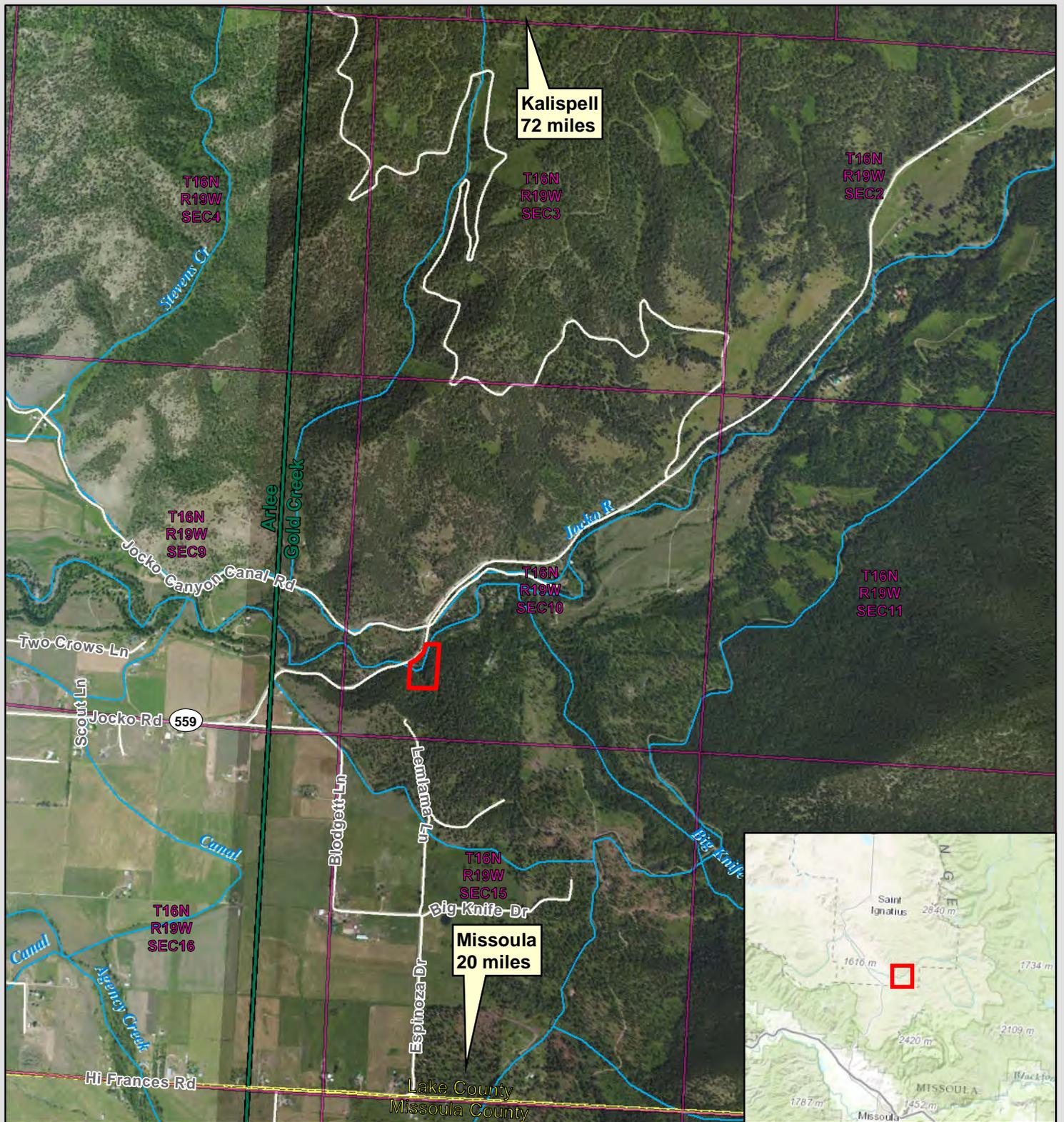


**Land Purchase Project**  
**Little Shell, Spring Creek a Upper Jocko River Properties**  
**Overview Map**  
 Flathead and Lake Counties, MT

● Land Purchase Location

July 22, 2013

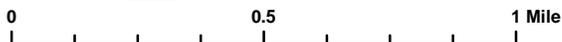




# Upper Jocko River Land Purchase Public Notification Map

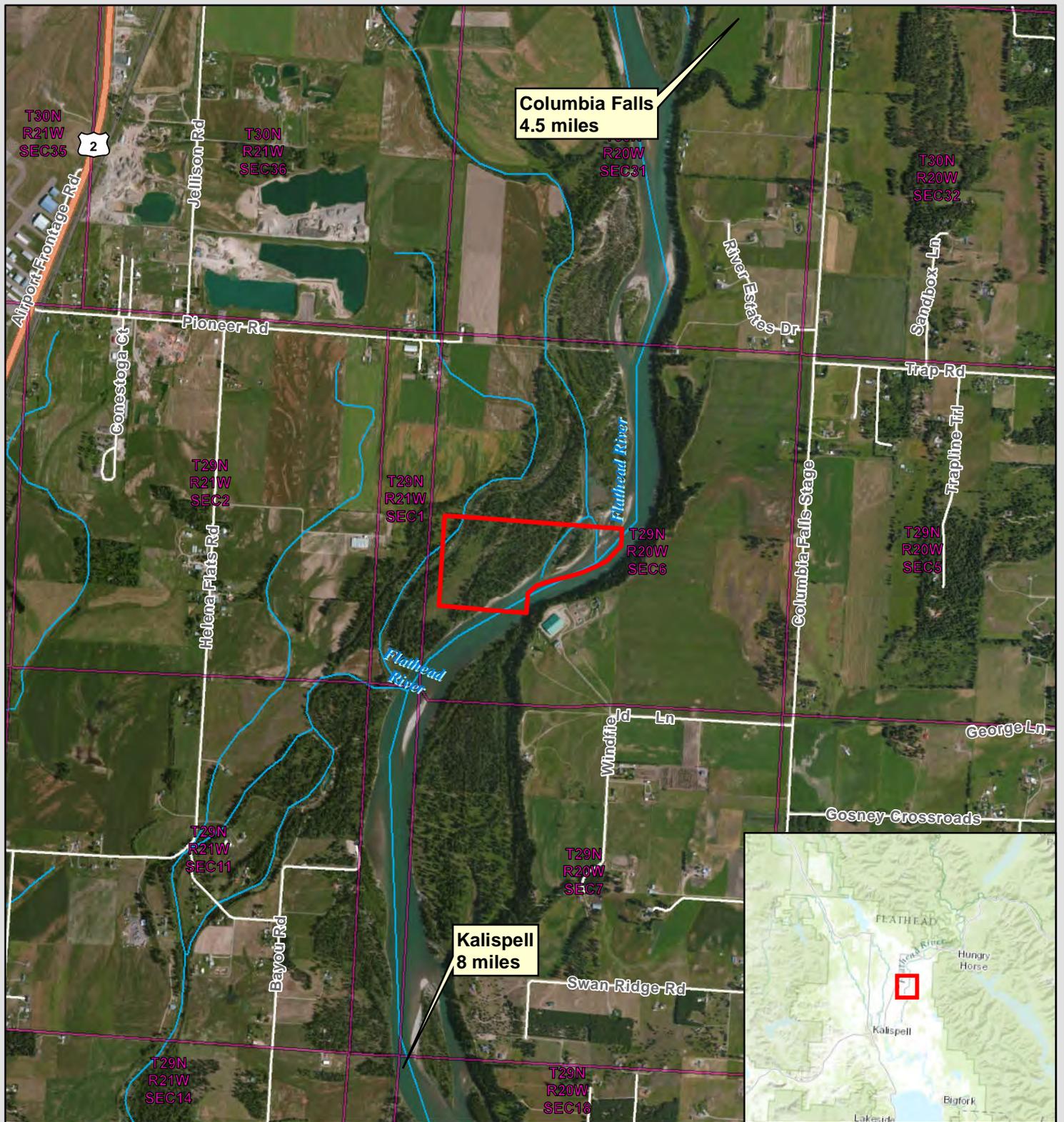
Gold Creek Quadrangle  
Lake County, MT  
(5 Acres)

-  Subject Property
-  TRS Boundary



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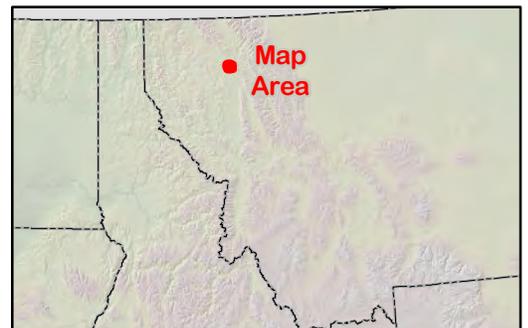


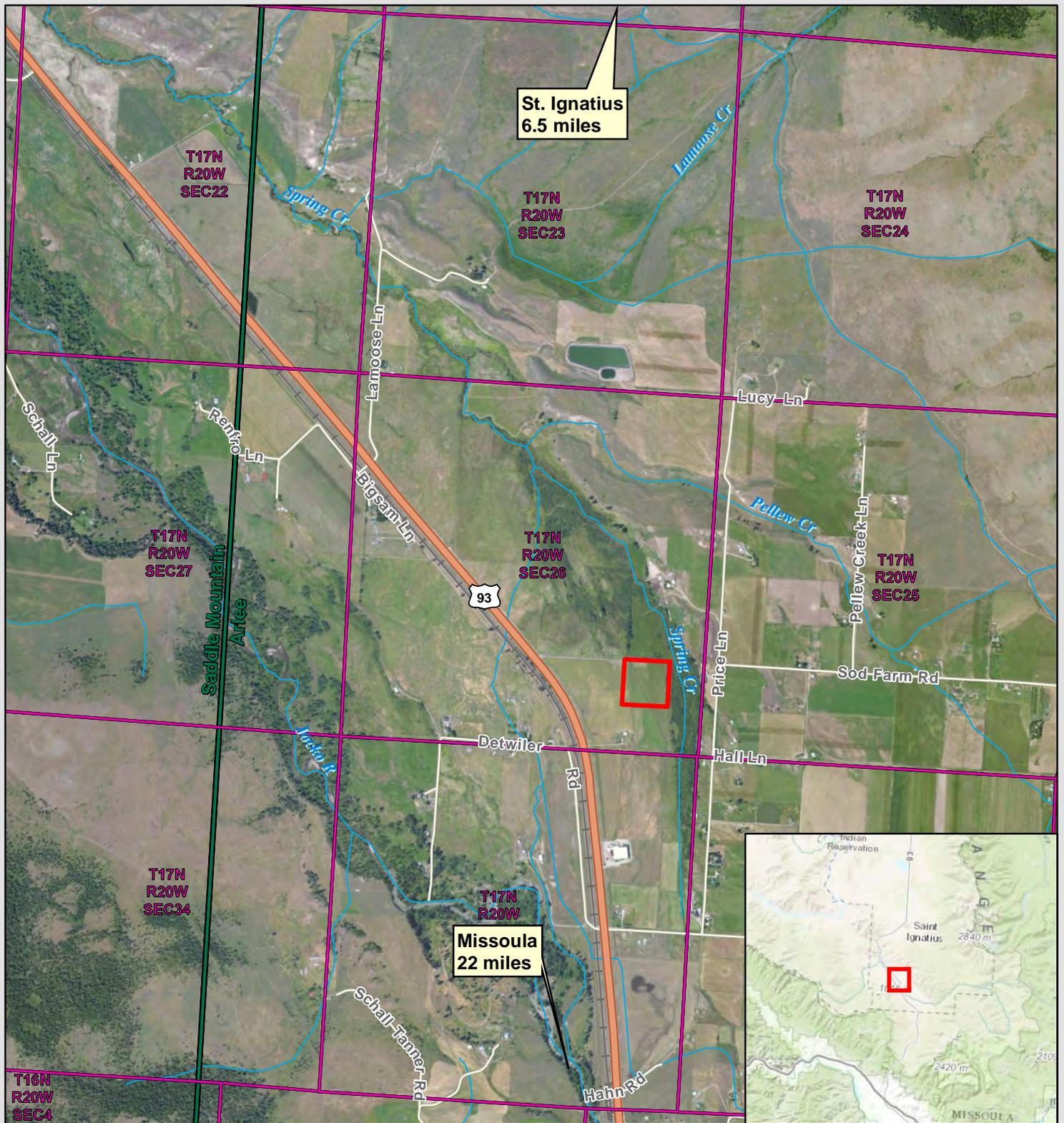
# Little Shell Land Purchase Public Notification Map

Columbia Falls South Quadrangle  
Flathead County, MT  
(59 Acres)

-  Subject Property
-  TRS Boundary

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## Spring Creek Land Purchase Public Notification Map

Arlee Quadrangle  
Lake County, MT  
(9.5 Acres)

-  Subject Property
-  TRS Boundary



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