



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

August 26, 2014

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Dear Landowner/interested party:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to fund the purchase of approximately 80 acres of riparian habitat, located along Woodward Creek in Lake County, MT. When the purchase is complete, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will own and manage the property for fish and wildlife conservation purposes and BPA will receive a conservation easement to ensure that the habitat values on the property are always protected. 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 mitigation for the construction and operation of the Hungry Horse hydroelectric facility on the South Fork of the Flathead River.

Enclosed you will find a map detailing this land transaction. BPA has prepared a memo 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 August 25, 2014, and is posted on BPA's website at: http://efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/categoricalexclusions.aspx.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will provide long-term stewardship for the land and will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat on the property. BPA and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will review the plan for consistency with the agreement and purpose of the acquisition. If BPA proposes to fund any activities on the property, additional environmental review would be conducted.

If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please contact the project manager, Cecilia Brown, 503-230-3462, or ckbrown@bpa.gov. You can also call toll free 800-622-4519. Please refer to the Woodward Meadow land acquisition.

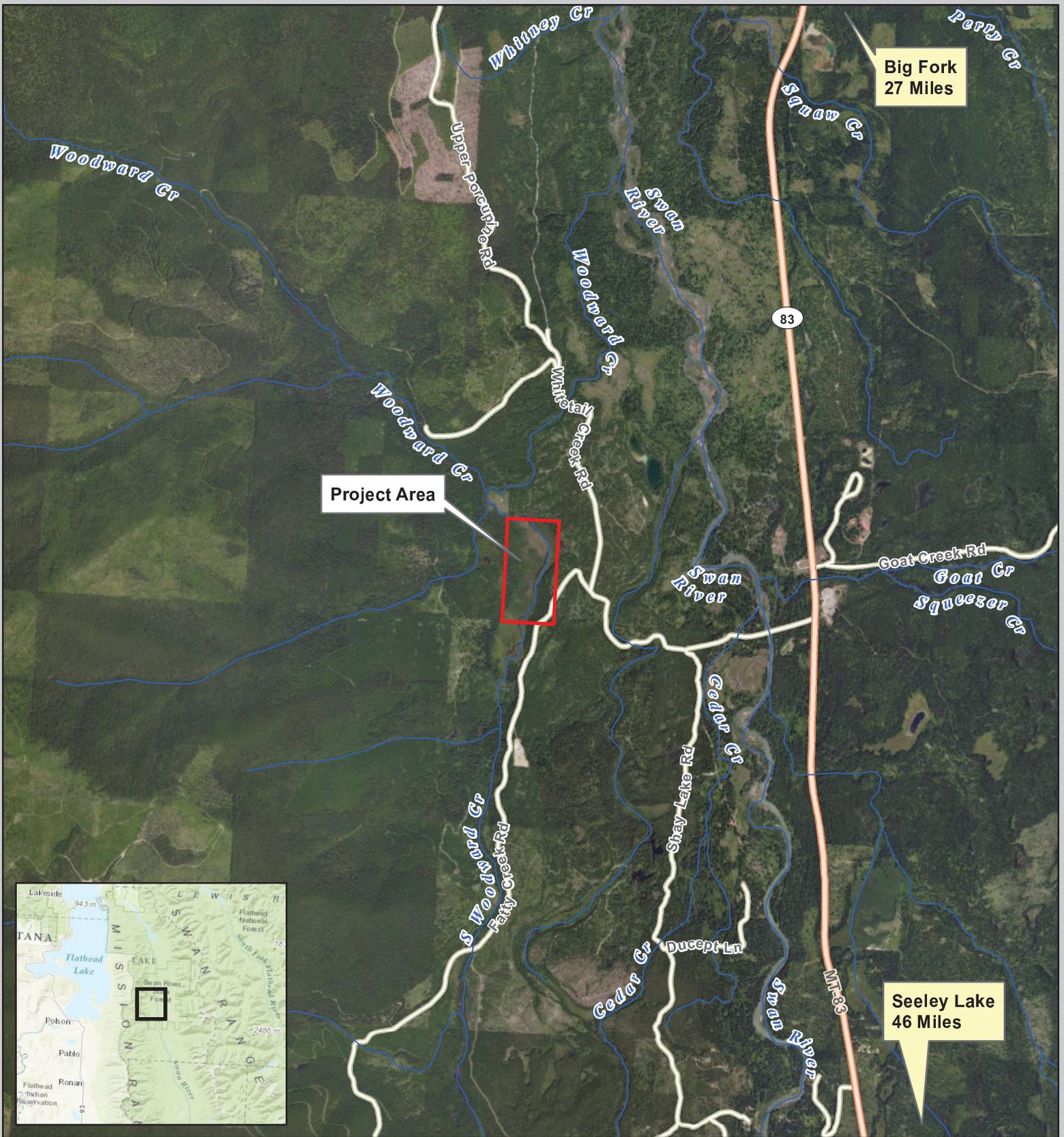
Sincerely,

/s/ Don L. Rose

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Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist – KEC-4

Enclosure: Vicinity Map

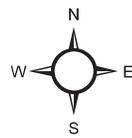


Woodward Meadow Land Purchase Public Notification Map

Lake County, MT
79.74 Acres

 Subject Property

8/11/2014



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