



Department of Energy

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

July 3, 2014

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Dear Landowner/interested party:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to fund the purchase of two properties for fish and wildlife conservation purposes in Lake County, MT. The properties include:

- Hillside Road – 10 acres of riparian habitat along Post Creek, Lake County, MT,
- Squeque – 228 acres of riparian habitat along Jocko River, Lake County, MT

When the purchases are complete, the Salish and Kootenai Tribes will own and manage the property and BPA will receive a conservation easement 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 detailing these land transactions. BPA is preparing a memo and environmental checklist documenting environmental review of this funding action which is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This documentation, known as a categorical exclusion, will be posted on BPA's website prior to the properties closing.

The 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. The Salish and Kootenai Tribes will provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft plan. BPA will review the plan and must approve it before it is implemented. 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 this land purchase, please feel free to 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 Hillside Road and/or Squeque land acquisitions.

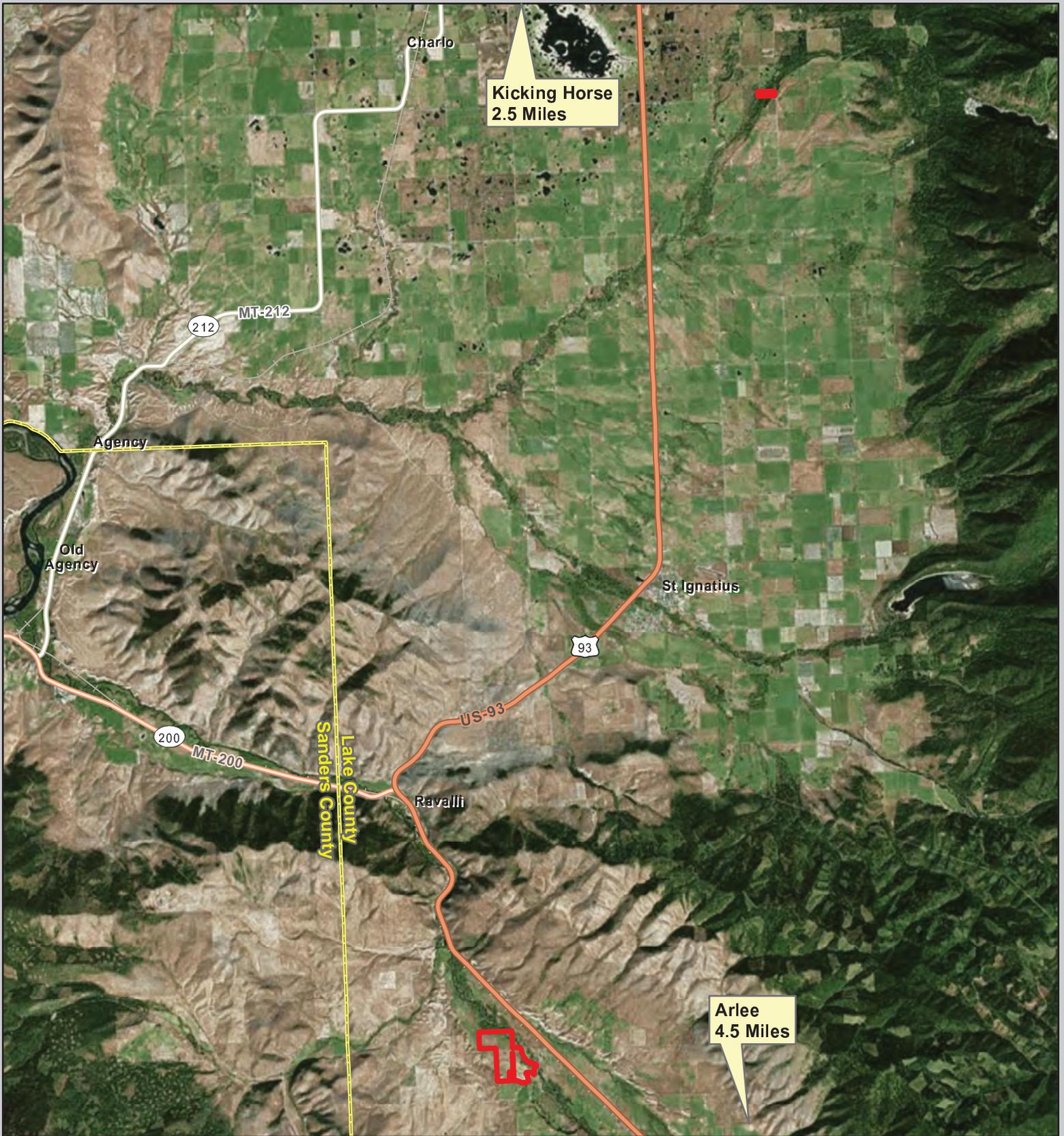
Sincerely,

/s/ Dawn R. Boorse, July 3, 2014

Dawn R. Boorse

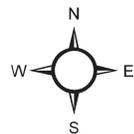
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Enclosures: Public Notification Maps



Map 1
Land Purchases Overview
 Lake County, MT

 Subject Properties



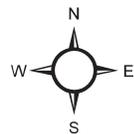
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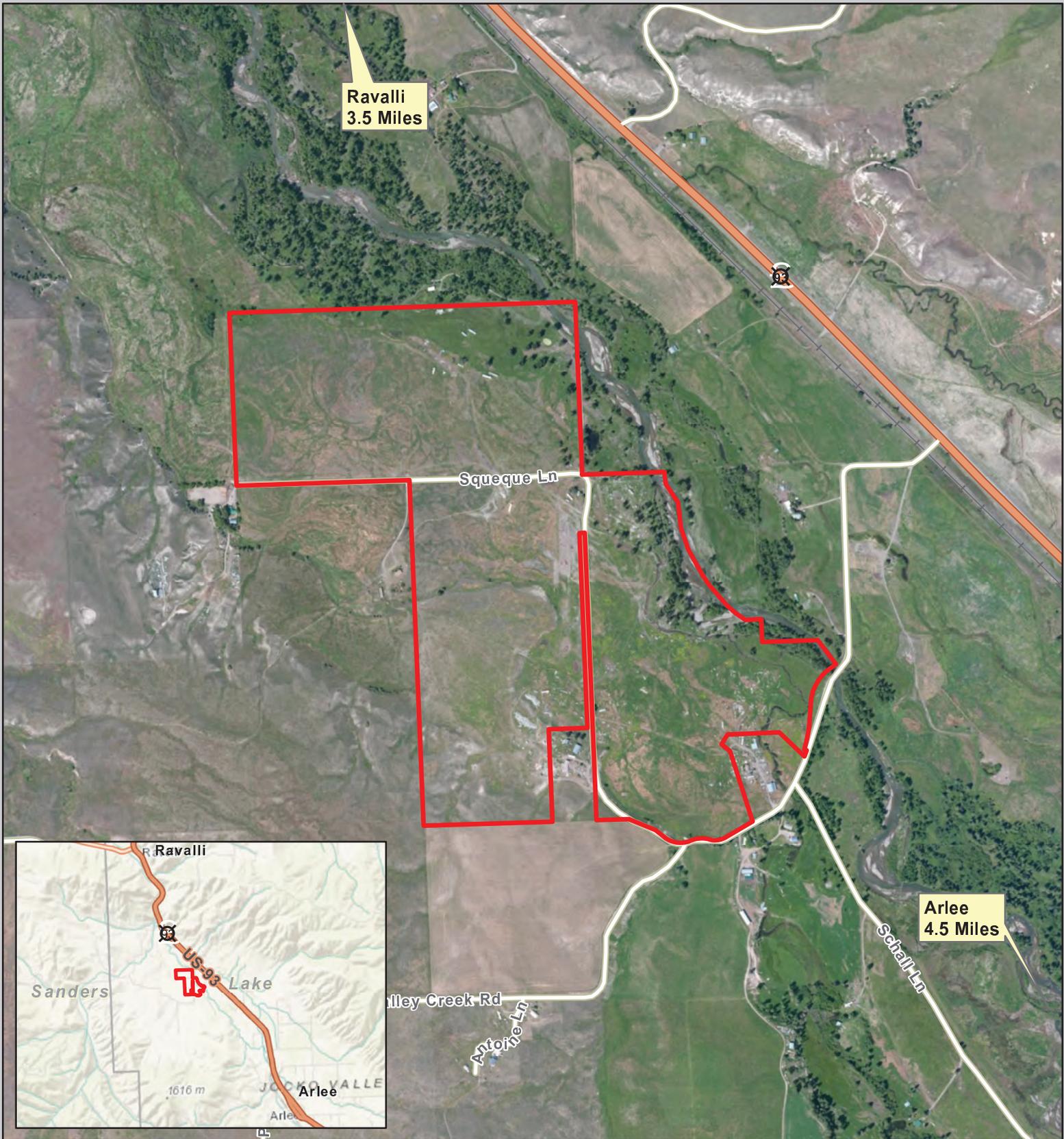
**Map 2
Hillside Road Land Purchase Public Notification**

Lake County, MT
(10 Acres)

 Subject Property



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Map 3
Squeque Land Purchase Public Notification
 Lake County, MT
 (228 Acres)

 Subject Property

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