Easement would protect Missoula County trout habitat

Establishing the permanent conservation easement would help mitigate for fish habitat lost due to construction of Hungry Horse Dam and inundation of its reservoir. Hungry Horse is a federal dam on the South Fork of the Flathead River. Other agencies involved in the project include Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Land to get management plan

If BPA finalizes the project, a conservation easement will be placed on the property to ensure that the fish and their habitat are protected in the future. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes would provide long-term stewardship of the land and would develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat.

Pending BPA’s approval, the management plan would prohibit any activities that could damage habitat, such as harvesting wood products, constructing buildings or allowing livestock to graze.

For more information

If you have questions about this proposal or would like additional information, contact Cecilia Brown with the Bonneville Power Administration at 503-230-3462 or ckbrown@bpa.gov. You may also contact Lynn DuCharme of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes at 406-883-2888 or lynnd@cskt.org.
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