Proposed Flathead River
land acquisition would
protect trout habitat

Location: Kalispell, Flathead County, Mont.

Acres: 147

Partners: Confederated Salish and Kootenai
Tribes and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Purpose: The Bonneville Power Administration is
proposing to fund the acquisition of 147 acres along the
Flathead River. The Conrad Drive property was selected
because it contains important habitat for bull trout that
are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species
Act and westslope cutthroat trout that are considered a
species of concern by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
This acquisition will provide BPA with credits for partial
mitigation of resident fish habitat losses due to the
construction and operation of Hungry Horse Dam,
located on the South Fork of the Flathead River. The
purchase is expected to be finalized in December 2010.

This project will help protect and restore instream fish
habitat, water quality and terrestrial wildlife habitat.
This acquisition will ensure that land-based activities
will not degrade sensitive habitat in and along the main
stem of the Flathead River. In addition to providing
habitat, the acquisition will increase public access to
recreation and fishing along this section of the river.

Type of action: BPA is providing the funding for
this acquisition. When the transaction is complete, the
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will own and
manage the land. BPA will receive a conservation
easement. Under the terms of the easement,
development restrictions are placed on the
land to protect the habitat values in perpetuity.

Land management: Once these lands have
been acquired, the tribes, in conjunction with MFWP,
will develop a management plan to guarantee protection
and enhancement of the habitat. Pending BPA’s approval
of the management plan, any activities that could
damage habitat would be prohibited.

For more information

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BPA Fish and Wildlife Program

BPA’s fish and wildlife program protects and preserves
valuable fish and wildlife habitat throughout the
Northwest. Since its inception in 1980, the program has
set aside more than 300,000 acres of land benefiting
hundreds of species. The program protects habitat
from development either through outright purchase of
land or by purchasing conservation easements on
privately owned property. BPA works in partnership
with conservation groups, local tribes and state fish
and wildlife management agencies.
Conrad Drive Conservation Easement
Flathead County, Montana

Conrad Drive Conservation Easement
Kalispell Quadrangle
(143 Acres)

- Subject Property
- Quad Name and Boundary
- Railroads

Scale:
0 1,000 2,000 Feet
0 0.25 0.5 Miles

Map Area
Washington
Montana
Oregon
Idaho