



# Fact Sheet

HABITAT CONSERVATION – PUBLIC NOTICE

December 2010

## 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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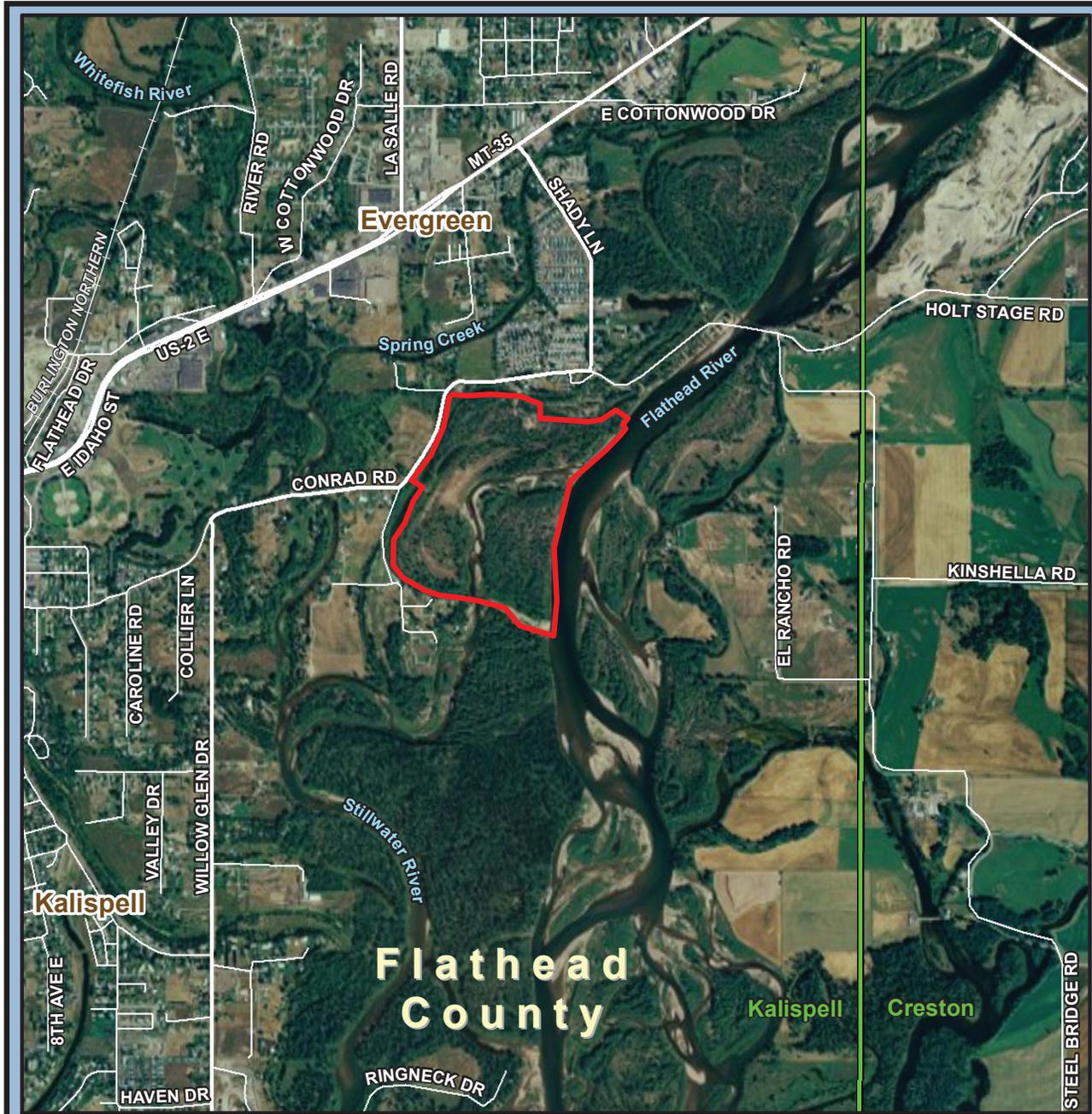
### BPA Fish and Wildlife Program

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

