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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
TOWN OF BEARCREEK, MONTANA
SRF #: C302231
SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

November 18, 2011

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above-named project. The project consists of abandonment of the existing lift station and 1,352 lineal feet of force main, with conversion to a sewer collection system that has gravity flow only. Approximately 2,150 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC sanitary sewer main and 7 manholes will be installed. Of this total sewer length, approximately 580 feet will replace existing gravity sewer mains with pipe at new slopes required by the redesign. The remaining footage will follow a path within 25 feet of the old force main in the Route 308 road (to Belfry) right-of-way, from the old lift station site to the lagoon inlet control structure. There will be an insulated, aerial crossing of the sanitary sewer main across Bear Creek, with suspension of the sewer main from the downstream end of the concrete culvert under 6th Street. The Town of Bearcreek has chosen this alternative for their wastewater collection system in order to eliminate the costs and high maintenance associated with the existing lift station. A deviation from Department standards was approved to allow the sewer mains to be laid at less than the minimum recommended slope. The Town accepts that the shallow slopes of the new gravity mains may require increased jetting and cleaning.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
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Sincerely,

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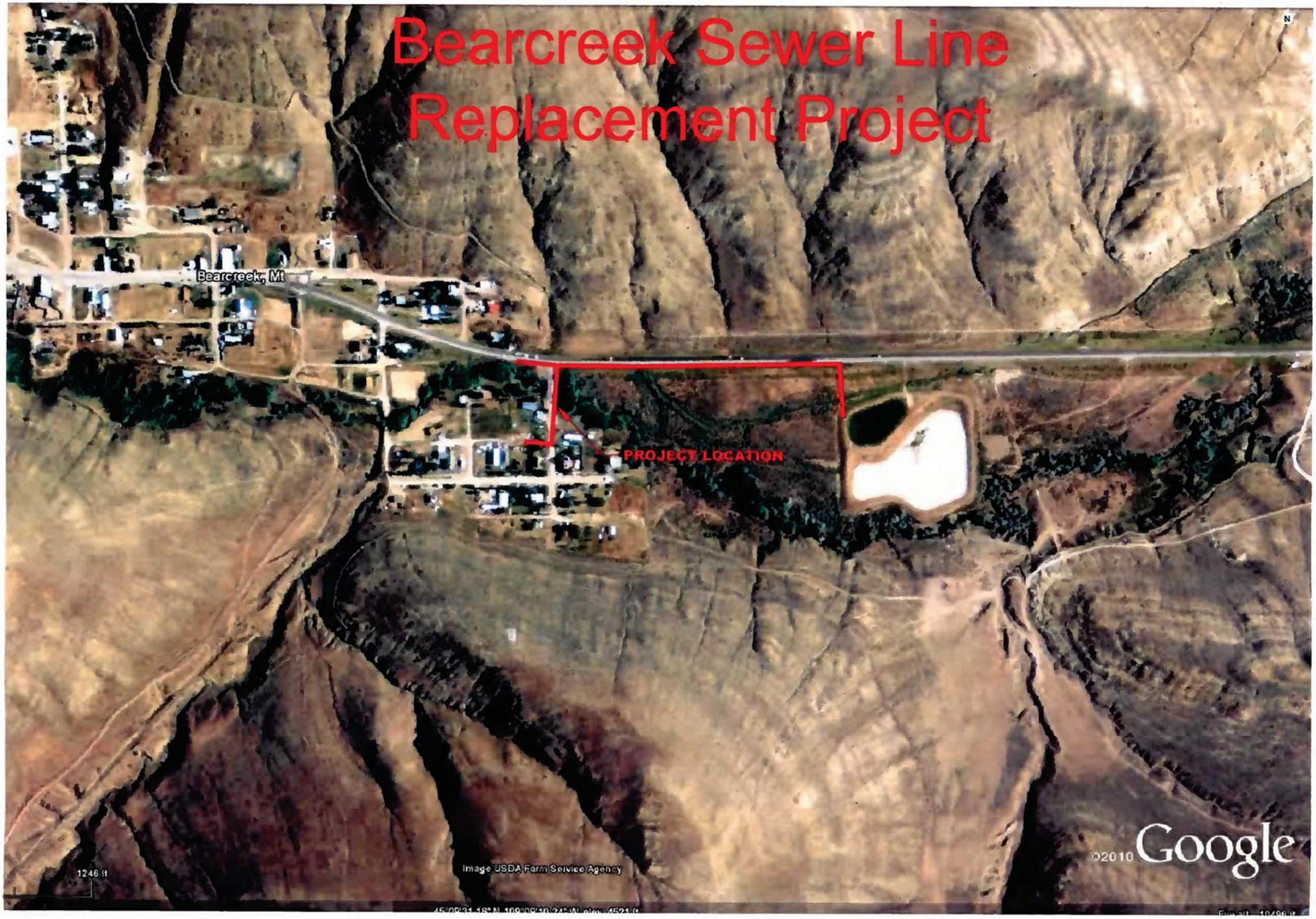
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Replacement Project
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