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October 29, 2013

Honorable Mary Ann Fraley, Mayor  
City of Deer Lodge  
300 Main Street  
Deer Lodge MT 59722

RE: City of Deer Lodge Wastewater Trunk Main Rehabilitation Project  
WPCSRF Program #: C301209

Mayor Fraley:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Water Pollution Control SRF Program. Based on this review, it has been determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion from further environmental review. A copy of the Notice of Publication of Categorical Exclusion (Notice) for this project is enclosed. Please print the Notice in at least one publication of your local newspaper under legal advertising, and return a copy of the proof of advertisement to me. Please have the Notice, the April 2010 PER, and the September 23, 2013 Technical Memorandum available for public review at your office. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. If you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general, you can call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

CITY OF DEER LODGE, MONTANA  
SRF #: C301209

CITY OF DEER LODGE WASTEWATER TRUNK MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT

October 29, 2013

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate approximately 8,900 feet of trunk sewer main for the City of Deer Lodge's wastewater treatment system. The city is undertaking a significant upgrade to their wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in the next few years and they hope to eliminate a significant source of infiltration and inflow (I&I) into the collection system by relining the trunk main of their sewer collection system. Reducing the I&I will minimize flow to the new WWTP, which will not only reduce the capital cost of the new WWTP, but will also allow the new WWTP to operate more efficiently. Relining the trunk main, which is approximately 8,900 feet long, is expected to reduce the summer peak flow to the WWTP from 3 million gallons per day (mgd) to approximately 1 mgd. The work is scheduled to start in late 2013 and be complete in early 2014.

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  
1520 East Sixth Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601

City of Deer Lodge  
300 Main Street  
Deer Lodge MT 59722

Sincerely,

Todd Teegarden, Bureau Chief  
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau  
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality

DOCUMENTATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

Project Name / Brief Description: CITY OF DEER LODGE TRUNK MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT. The city is undertaking a significant upgrade to their wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in the next few years and they hope to eliminate a significant source of infiltration and inflow (I&I) into the collection system by relining the trunk main of their sewer collection system. Reducing the I&I will minimize flow to the new WWTP, which will not only reduce the capital cost of the new WWTP, but will also allow the new WWTP to operate more efficiently. Relining the trunk main, which is approximately 8,900 feet long, is expected to reduce the summer peak flow to the WWTP from 3 million gallons per day (mgd) to approximately 1 mgd. The work is scheduled to start in late 2013 and be complete in early 2014.

Project Number: C301209

Date: October 29, 2013

Preparer: Jerry Paddock

The Department action under Title 75, chapter 5, part 11 and or chapter 6, part 1 or 2, MCA, is excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) if the application for department review is for any of the following projects:

**(a) Projects relating to existing infrastructure systems such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems that involve:**

*[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", an EA or EIS must be completed. If any answer is yes, skip to (b).]*

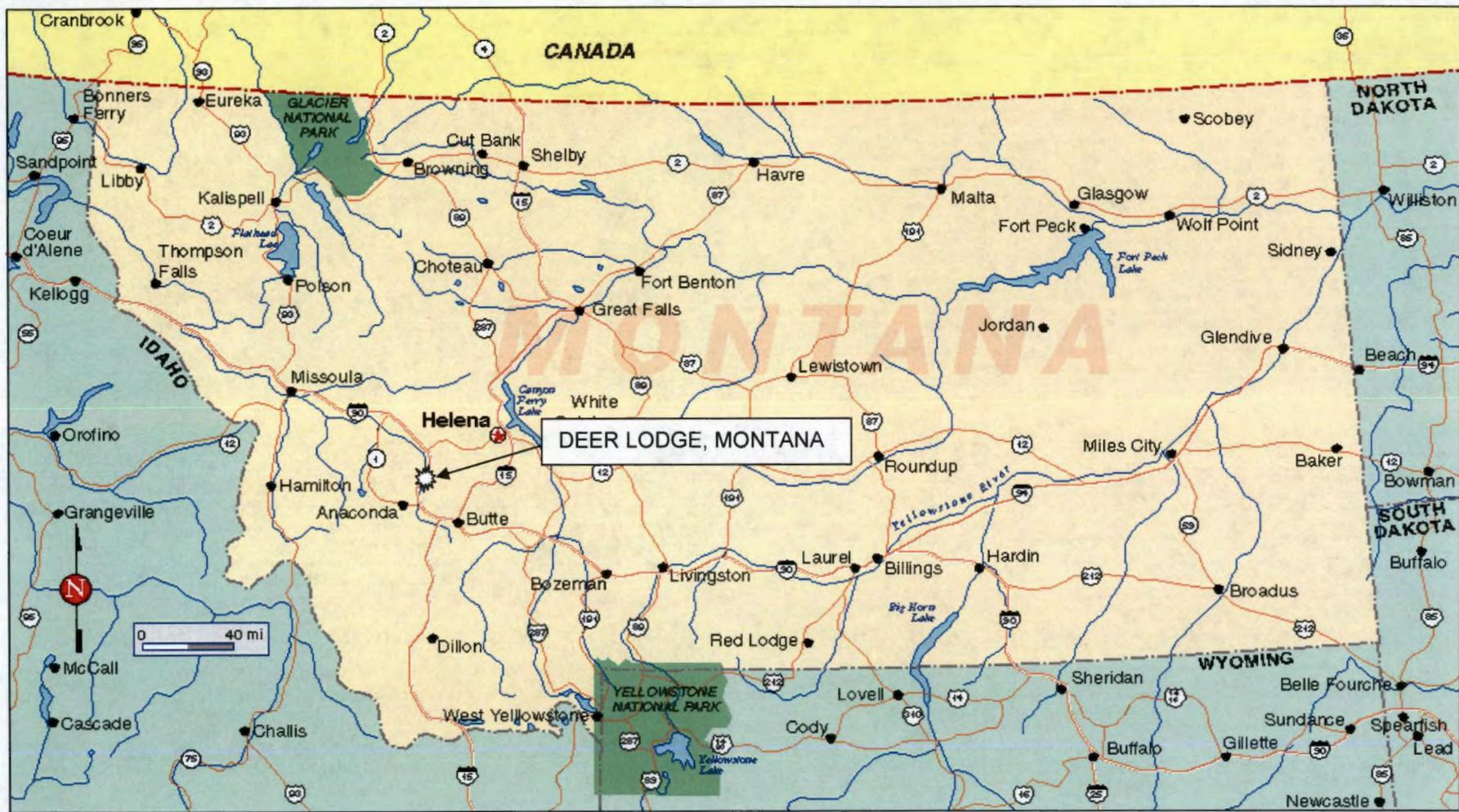
- 1. minor upgrading;
- 2. minor expansion of system capacity;
- YES 3. rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components;
- 4. construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities; or
- 5. projects in unsewered communities involving the replacement of existing on-site systems, provided that the new on-site systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharges or in loadings of pollutants from existing sources, and do not relocate existing discharges.

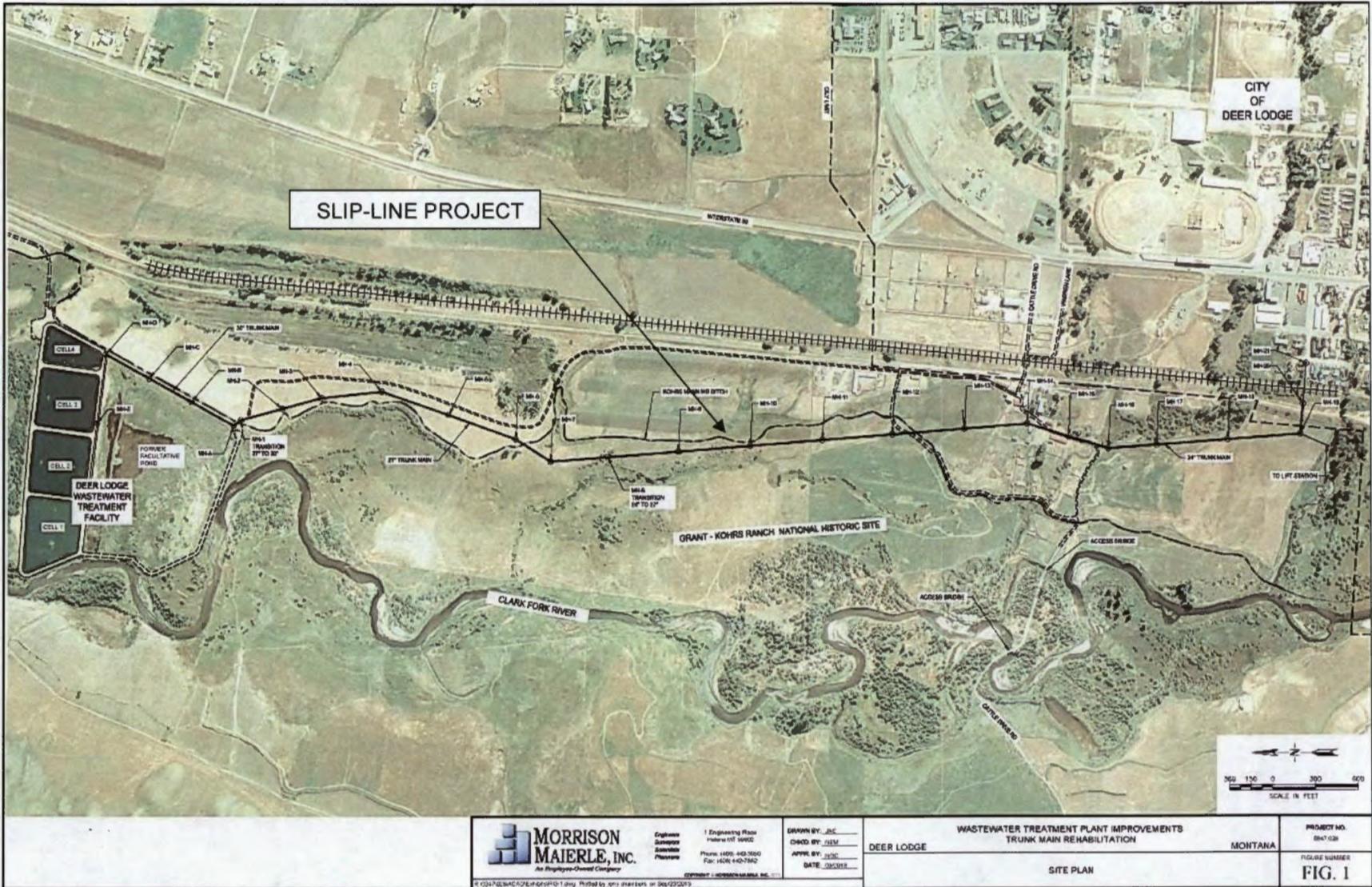
**(b) A categorical exclusion may NOT be granted for a department action if:**

*[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", skip to (c). If any answer is yes, an EA or EIS must be completed.]*

- NO 6. the action would authorize facilities that will provide a new discharge or relocate an existing discharge to ground or surface waters;
- NO 7. the action would result in an increase above permit levels established for the facility under the Montana pollutant discharge elimination system or Montana ground water pollution control system for either volume of discharge or loading rate of pollutants to receiving waters;
- NO 8. the action would authorize facilities that will provide capacity to serve a population at least 30% greater than the existing population;







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DEER LODGE  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS  
TRUNK MAIN REHABILITATION  
MONTANA  
SITE PLAN

PROJECT NO.  
0847-028  
FIGURE NUMBER  
FIG. 1