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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: PPL Montana, LLC, Mystic Lake Project No. 2301, filing of Recreation Plan per
December 17, 2007 Commission Order Issuing New License

January 23, 2009

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with U.S. Forest Service 4(e) Condition 11 of the December 17, 2007 Order Issuing New License, we herein attach a Recreation Plan for the Mystic Lake Project. This Plan has been developed in consultation with MFWP and the USFS and is approved by both agencies as indicated by their signatures on page 2.

We appreciate your consideration of this Plan.

Regards,

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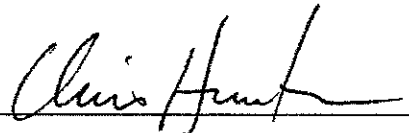
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Attachment I

Mystic Lake Project Recreation Plan

Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project Recreation Plan



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Background and Purpose of the Plan

On December 17, 2007 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a new license to PPL Montana for the Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 2301 (Project) under the Integrated Licensing Process. The new License (License) is effective on January 1, 2010 for a term of 40 years.

Article 401 of the License and 4(e) Condition 11 of the License require PPL Montana to submit a Recreation Plan (Plan) for approval by the Commission and approval by the Forest Service, respectively, prior to implementation of the Plan.

The purpose of this Plan is to address management of the recreation resource at the Project over the term of the License. The Plan describes the measures that will be implemented by PPL Montana to protect and enhance the recreation resource. Measures developed through consultation between PPL Montana, the Forest Service, American Whitewater and other stakeholders are described below. The Plan also describes PPL Montana's role in operating and maintaining Project recreation enhancements over the term of the License. Lastly, the Plan provides for on-going annual consultation with the Forest Service and other stakeholders over the term of the License to adaptively respond to changing recreation needs at the Project.

Appendix A of this Plan contains Condition 11 of the Forest Service 4(e) conditions for the License.

General Description of Recreation Sites and Areas

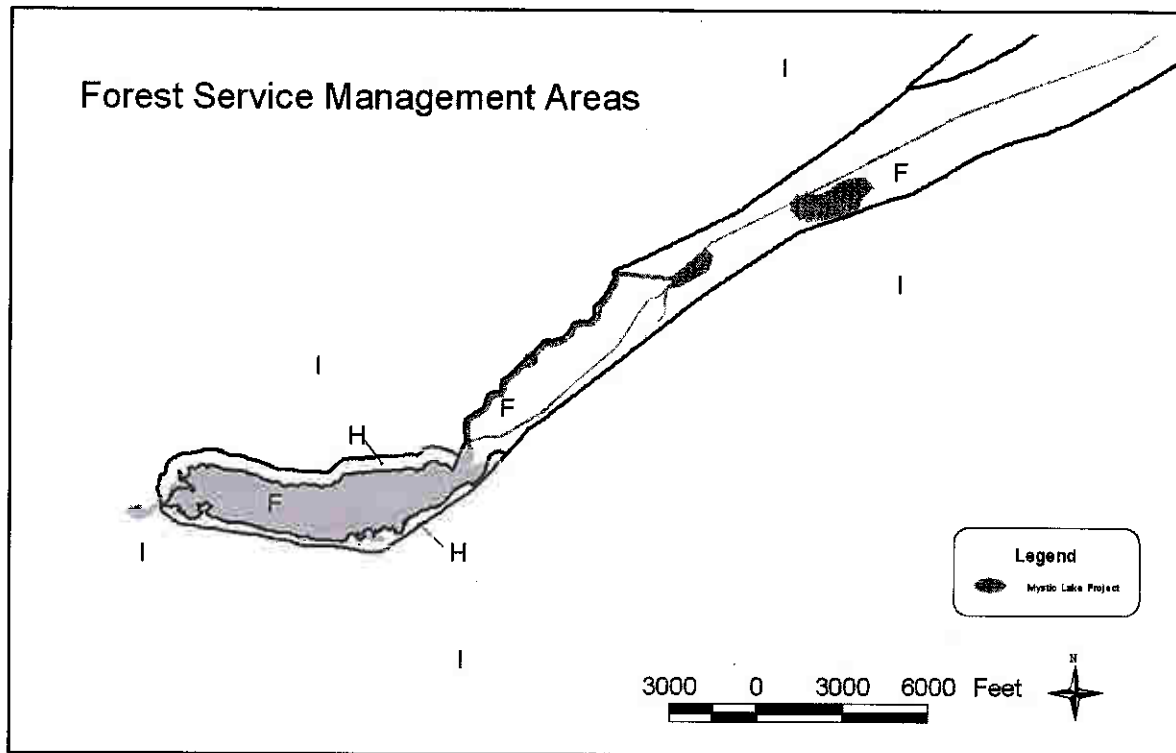
The Project is located on National Forest System lands of the Custer National Forest in the West Rosebud drainage. These lands offer a spectrum of forest-based recreation experiences, with opportunities becoming more primitive as visitors progress up the drainage. Project lands are situated within the portion of the corridor that provides a transition between the more developed recreation opportunities in the lower drainage and the more primitive opportunities in the upper drainage.

The current Custer National Forest Management Plan (USFS 1986) defines management goals and objectives for three areas associated with Project lands and waters, designated as Management Area F, Area H and Area I (Table 1 and Figure 1). In general, these areas are managed to provide roaded natural, semi-primitive nonmotorized, and primitive recreation opportunities. Table 1 describes the USFS management goals for these areas, and the Project lands and facilities within each of these areas. Figure 1 shows the location of the management areas relative to Project lands and facilities.

Table 1. Description of Management Areas F, H, and I.

Management Area	Recreation Lands and Facilities	Goal
Area F	Includes all of the developed recreation sites along West Rosebud Road, including the fishing access sites at West Rosebud Lake and the Mystic Lake Trailhead. Also includes the lower third of the Mystic Lake Trail.	To provide a spectrum of recreation opportunities and settings in and around developed sites and the access corridors to the sites in the categories of Semiprimitive Nonmotorized, Roaded Natural Appearing and Rural. Resource conflicts are resolved in favor of maintaining or enhancing the recreation opportunities including the visual setting.
Area H	Includes lands immediately adjacent to Mystic Lake and about one-third of the Mystic Lake Trail.	To retain the wilderness characteristics of these areas until a Congressional decision is made regarding inclusion within the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.
Area I	Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area, which surrounds most of the Project. About one-third of the Mystic Lake Trail is included.	To retain wilderness characteristics. Specific direction provided in Custer National Forest Plan Appendix II – Wilderness Management Direction, Absaroka-Beartooth Management Plan.

FIGURE 1. Forest Service Management Areas at Mystic Lake Project.



No formal recreation facilities are currently associated with the Project, although several informal sites are present at West Rosebud Lake. The Forest Service provides nearby non-project developed recreation sites at Emerald Lake Campground and Pine Grove Campground, approximately 1 and 6 miles below the Project, respectively.

West Rosebud Road, a 16-mile unpaved road that extends from south of the town of Fishtail to the Project powerhouse, provides the only vehicular access to the Project area. Two developed Forest Service campgrounds are located along West Rosebud Road northeast of the Project. Emerald Lake Campground, with 32 campsite units, is one mile from the Project boundary. Pine Grove Campground provides 44 vehicular campsite units and is six miles from the Project boundary.

West Rosebud Lake, a popular fishing destination, is used by the Project for flow regulation. Several undeveloped fishing access sites are located at the lake along West Rosebud Road. User-developed trails extend from the parking areas along West Rosebud Road to the

shoreline of West Rosebud Lake, and a user-developed boat launch is present at one of the parking areas. West Rosebud Lake currently lacks any universally accessible fishing opportunities. Recreation and public access present in 2007 in the vicinity of West Rosebud Lake is shown on Figure 2.

Figure 2. Recreation and public access - West Rosebud Lake and vicinity - 2007



The Mystic Lake Trailhead is located near the end of West Rosebud Road. The trailhead provides parking for visitors hiking to Mystic Lake and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. The Mystic Lake Trail passes through the PPL Montana Camp near the trailhead.

Mystic Lake is used by the Project for water storage. Located at the upper end of the Project, the lake and nearby areas provide popular hiking, fishing and backcountry camping opportunities. Because of its high elevation above 7,000 feet, most recreation use at Mystic Lake occurs in July and August when the trails are snow free. Several trails from the lake lead into the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, which surrounds much of the Project (Management Area I on Figure 1).

West Rosebud Creek below Emerald Lake provides whitewater boating opportunities during favorable flow conditions and is an important whitewater resource. Although boating activity occurs outside the Project boundary, it depends on creek flows that pass through the Project.

Proposed Annual Consultation with Stakeholders

All protection, mitigation and enhancement (PM&E) measures proposed in this Plan are proposed for implementation in consultation with a Mystic Recreation, Land-Use and Aesthetics Technical Advisory Committee. PPL Montana proposes to conduct an annual consultation meeting with the Forest Service and other stakeholders in October of each year over the term of the License to track implementation of PM&E measures and identify and discuss current recreation management issues and strategies for the Project. PPL Montana also proposes to file an annual progress report with the Commission over the term of the License that reports the status of PM&E measures until completed, and actions proposed for the following year.

General Description of Proposed Recreation Improvements

PM&E measures are proposed for Mystic Lake and Trailhead, West Rosebud Lake and whitewater resources associated with West Rosebud Creek to better accommodate recreation demand associated with the Project. For any PM&E measure where ground disturbance would occur, at least 90 days prior to any disturbance PPL Montana proposes to file with the Commission a Soil Erosion Management Plan that is approved by the Forest Service. The Plan would include measures to control erosion, stream sedimentation, dust and soil mass movement as applicable.

For recreation demand associated with Mystic Lake, PPL Montana proposes to maintain the Mystic Lake Trailhead, develop and implement trailhead parking and safety measures, and replace the upper footbridge along the Mystic Lake Trail. Under the new License, PPL Montana will follow a refill schedule and maintain a summer pool level to enhance recreational opportunities and protect aesthetic quality for seasonal use at Mystic Lake.

PPL Montana proposes to maintain the Mystic Lake Trailhead beginning one year after the effective date of the License and continuing over the term of the License.

For recreation demand associated with West Rosebud Lake, PPL Montana proposes to better accommodate the diverse needs of anglers by constructing an accessible shoreline trail and fishing pier, developing a carry-in boat launch facility, and improving existing parking areas at the lake. PPL Montana proposes to operate and maintain these day use facilities and parking areas at the lake over the term of the License. To help address safety issues associated with bear-human encounters resulting from recreation use at the Project, PPL Montana installed a bear-resistant refuse container at West Rosebud Lake in 2007 and provides for solid waste collection during the summer recreation use season. Solid waste collection for this refuse container and for bear-resistant refuse containers at the PPL Montana Camp will continue over the term of the License.

To address whitewater resources, PPL Montana proposes to develop a Mystic Whitewater Flow Plan that provides methods and objectives for whitewater flow enhancements. As part of the Whitewater Flow Plan, PPL Montana proposes to conduct an annual consultation process for stakeholders through meetings or conference calls that will inform them of current whitewater conditions. PPL Montana also proposes to provide whitewater boaters with information about West Rosebud Creek flows and Mystic Lake refill rates through the Mystic Lake Project website to help them plan the timing of their boating activity. In fall 2006 PPL Montana funded USGS installation of a new USGS staff gage in West Rosebud Creek, immediately downstream of the bridge to the Emerald Lake Campground. PPL Montana funds USGS operation and maintenance of this gaging station.

To help inform visitors to the Mystic Project of Project-related recreational opportunities and appropriate measures for reducing visitor-generated impacts to associated environmental resources, PPL Montana proposes to develop trailhead information that complements Forest Service information on backcountry use. Within two years after the effective date of the License, PPL Montana proposes to develop trailhead information and educational (I&E) materials in consultation with the Forest Service. I&E materials could include additional signage or interpretive panels informing visitors to Mystic Lake of resource impacts from their use, identifying appropriate measures to minimize visitor effects on shoreline lands, and describing Project facilities visible from the Mystic Lake Trail. PPL Montana proposes to consult with the Forest Service for any future maintenance or bear-aware sign postings within

the Project area. The signs will help educate the public regarding keeping a clean camp and consequences to bears and people when public areas are not kept clean.

Proposed Implementation Schedule, Estimated Construction Costs and Annual O&M Costs

Table 2 presents the proposed implementation schedule for PM&E measures described in this Plan. Estimated capital construction costs and annual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs are also included.

Table 2. Proposed Implementation Schedule and Estimated Costs for Recreation Measures.

PM&E Measure	PM&E Component	Proposed Implementation Schedule	Capital Costs (2008 dollars)	Annual O&M (2008 dollars)
Mystic Lake Trailhead	Trailhead facility maintenance	Beginning one year after effective date of License	\$0	\$4,000
	Information and educational materials	Within two years of effective date of License	\$10,000	\$0
	Trailhead parking and safety measures	Within two years of effective date of License	\$3,000	\$0
Mystic Lake Trail Bridge Replacement	Replace upper footbridge	Within two years of effective date of License	\$70,000	\$0
Day-Use Facilities Development and Maintenance at West Rosebud Lake	Maintenance of day-use facilities at West Rosebud Lake	Beginning one year after effective date of License	\$0	\$4,000
	Carry-in boat launch at West Rosebud Lake	Within five years of effective date of License	\$15,500	\$0
	Shoreline Trail and Pier at West Rosebud Lake	Within five years of effective date of License	\$34,500	\$0
	Install and maintain bear resistant dumpsters; solid waste collection from May to September	Completed 2007	\$2,000	\$3,000
Whitewater Boating	USGS flow gage installation and maintenance below West Rosebud Lake	Completed 2006	\$21,000	\$14,500
	Annual report of Mystic Lake refill trajectory	On-going	\$0	\$0
	Annual consultation for whitewater flow enhancement	On-going unless otherwise specified in the approved Whitewater Flow Plan	\$0	\$2,000
	Develop Mystic Whitewater Flow Plan	Proposed for filing in December 2009	\$17,000	\$0
Mystic Lake Refill Schedule	The Licensee shall maintain a minimum water surface elevation of 7,663.5 ft (USGS datum) from July 10 to September 15 each year	On-going	\$0	\$0
Recreation Use Monitoring	Visitor Surveys	Initiate 2013, continue every 6 years thereafter over term of License	\$0	\$30,000 every 6 years of License (starting in 2013)

In addition to estimated construction costs presented in Table 2, contractor services for design, permitting and construction oversight of proposed facilities on West Rosebud Lake are estimated at \$25,000.

Monitoring and Reporting of Recreational Use

PPL Montana proposes to conduct recreation use studies at the Project every six years beginning in 2013. Results of the use studies will be reported to the Recreation, Land Use and Aesthetics Technical Advisory Committee to support management decisions for Project-induced recreation needs over the term of the License.

Proposed General Terms and Conditions for Cooperation with the Custer National Forest

With completion of proposed PM&E measures for the Project, PPL Montana proposes to assume operation and maintenance of the completed facilities within the Project boundary. The Forest Service and PPL Montana have agreed to share responsibility for maintenance of the trailhead and trail to Mystic Lake. Specifically, PPL Montana will assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Mystic Lake Trailhead, upper footbridge on the Mystic Lake Trail, day use facilities on West Rosebud Lake, and solid waste collection for bear-resistant refuse containers at West Rosebud Lake and the PPL Montana camp. The Custer National Forest will continue to maintain the Mystic Lake Trail itself. The Mystic Lake Trailhead and shoreline and parking areas west of West Rosebud Lake were added to the Project with issuance of the new License.

PPL Montana proposes to consult with the Forest Service on the design of all proposed facilities, and to meet with the Forest Service annually to review facility operation and maintenance. PPL Montana will also consult with the Forest Service on an on-going basis over the term of the License to adaptively manage recreation resources associated with the Project.

Specific Recreation PM&E Measures

This section presents detail for the specific recreation measures that PPL Montana is proposing for Mystic Lake and Trailhead, West Rosebud Lake, and whitewater resources associated with West Rosebud Creek, to better accommodate recreation demand associated with the Project.

Mystic Lake – Minimum Pool Level for Seasonal Recreational Use

PPL Montana will follow a refill schedule and maintain a summer pool level to enhance recreational opportunities and protect aesthetic quality for seasonal use at Mystic Lake. Under the License, PPL Montana will maintain a minimum water surface elevation of 7,663.5 ft (USGS datum) from July 10 to September 15 each year.

Mystic Lake - Trailhead Parking & Safety Measures

PPL Montana will work with the Forest Service to implement management strategies at the Mystic Lake Trailhead that address parking safety and environmental resource protection, and that help mitigate parking sprawl at the trailhead during peak use times. Within two years of the effective date of the License, PPL Montana will design, install and maintain signage along West Rosebud Road that advises recreationists not to park on the road when trailhead parking is unavailable, and directs overflow parking to a parking area near the trailhead at West Rosebud Lake.

Mystic Lake - Trailhead Facility Maintenance

PPL Montana will maintain the Mystic Lake Trailhead beginning one year after the effective date of the License. Routine maintenance activity will include: (1) blading the parking area on an as-needed basis as identified by the Forest Service, (2) cleaning and stocking of the existing vault toilet at a minimum frequency of weekly during the peak-use season between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and at a minimum frequency of twice-monthly during the remainder of the year, sufficient to meet public needs, and (3) annual pumping of the vault toilet. This measure will continue over the term of the Project License.

Mystic Lake Trail – Replacement of Upper Footbridge

PPL Montana will reconstruct the upper footbridge on the Mystic Lake Trail to accommodate pedestrians only (4-foot width). Based on consultation with the Forest Service, horses and other stock will continue to ford the creek upstream of the footbridge. Because of the high priority given to footbridge reconstruction by the Forest Service, PPL Montana will work to complete reconstruction within two years of the effective date of the License. PPL Montana will be responsible for maintenance of the reconstructed footbridge.

West Rosebud Lake – Development of Accessible Shoreline Trail and Fishing Pier

PPL Montana will develop accessible parking, a trail, and a pier or fishing platform to allow handicapped anglers an opportunity to fish at West Rosebud Lake. Within five years of the effective date of the License, PPL Montana will develop a universally accessible trail from one of the existing parking areas at West Rosebud Lake to an accessible shoreline trail and fishing pier or platform at the lake. PPL Montana will consult with the Forest Service in the design of the trail and fishing pier. PPL Montana will be responsible for operation and maintenance of these facilities.

West Rosebud Lake – Development of Carry-in Boat Launch Facility

Within five years of the effective date of the License, PPL Montana will develop a designated launch site at West Rosebud Lake with a ramp for carry-in boats. PPL Montana will cooperate with the Forest Service in the design of the launch site. Use of trailered boats for public access will be prohibited by facility design. Launching of trailered boats for administrative purposes would be incorporated into the design as determined necessary by PPL Montana and the Forest Service. Regulations to limit use of West Rosebud Lake to non-motorized watercraft could be developed through Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks if determined appropriate by the Forest Service.

West Rosebud Lake – Maintenance of Sanitary and Parking Facilities

Beginning one year after the effective date of the License, PPL Montana will operate and maintain day use facilities at West Rosebud Lake. Routine scheduled activities for maintenance of shoreline facilities will include: (1) blading of existing parking areas along West Rosebud Lake on an as-needed basis as identified by the Forest Service, (2) cleaning and stocking of the existing vault toilets at a minimum frequency of weekly during the peak-use

season between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and at a minimum frequency of twice-monthly during the remainder of the year, sufficient to meet public needs, (3) annual pumping of existing vault toilets, (4) waste disposal at an existing parking area using a solid waste collection facility (bear-resistant dumpster) during the peak-use season, and (5) as-needed maintenance of the carry-in boat launch, universally accessible trail and fishing pier or platform. This measure will continue over the term of the License.

West Rosebud Lake – Installation of Bear-resistant Refuse Container and Solid Waste Collection

PPL Montana installed a bear-resistant refuse container at a parking area adjacent to West Rosebud Lake in June 2007. The refuse container is available for public use during the peak recreation use season from mid-May to September. PPL Montana contracts for collection of solid waste during this peak use season. This measure will continue over the term of the new license.

West Rosebud Creek – Whitewater Flow Plan and Annual Consultation

PPL Montana will work with the Mystic Whitewater Resource Group to develop a Whitewater Flow Plan for Commission approval. The flow plan will:

- Use information from the new USGS gage below the Re-regulation Dam at West Rosebud Lake to refine whitewater flow targets.
- Establish objectives for the number of days of enhanced whitewater flows.
- Use adaptive management principles to refine flow enhancement objectives, balance flow-related resource needs, and incorporate other information as identified by the Mystic Whitewater Resource Group.
- Provide guidance for annual consultation on whitewater flow enhancements.

PPL Montana will consult with the Mystic Whitewater Resource Group to develop and test methods for whitewater flow enhancements below the Re-regulation Dam during plan preparation. PPL Montana proposes to file the Whitewater Flow Plan with the Commission by December 31, 2009. PPL Montana will consult with the Mystic Whitewater Resource Group to file an updated Whitewater Flow Plan with the Commission every five years thereafter.

PPL Montana will coordinate a consultation process each year, beginning by June 1st and continuing as necessary, with the Mystic Whitewater Resource Group. Discussions will occur through meetings or conference calls convened by PPL Montana. As part of the annual consultation process PPL Montana will:

- Review the May-July volume-runoff forecasts for Mystic Lake inflow as reported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and identify the likely timing and magnitude of whitewater boating flows based on available information.
- Work with the Mystic Whitewater Resource Group to plan the enhancement of whitewater flows as conditions permit in any given year. Specifically and until refined by the Whitewater Flow Plan, in years when spill occurs from Mystic Lake Dam after the lake refills, PPL Montana will work to extend the whitewater season by increasing creek flow above 300 cfs on weekend days that would otherwise have lower flow.
- Communicate information about planned whitewater flows to whitewater boaters through the Mystic Lake Project website (www.mysticlakeproject.com) in a timely manner.
- Work with state and federal agencies to identify effects of whitewater flow manipulation on water quality, fisheries, riparian habitat, public safety, recreation opportunities, and other resource considerations. This information will be used to balance flow-related resource needs with whitewater goals and Project operations and refine target amounts for whitewater flow augmentation.

This is an interim PM&E measure to continue during the development of the Mystic Whitewater Flow Plan prior to filing of the plan with FERC in December 2009, and will be superseded by the Mystic Whitewater Flow Plan as approved by FERC.

West Rosebud Creek – Maintenance of USGS Flow Gage

In fall 2006 PPL Montana funded USGS installation of a new USGS staff gage in West Rosebud Creek, immediately downstream of the bridge to the Emerald Lake Campground. PPL Montana will fund operation and maintenance of the USGS gage for the term of the new License.

Information & Educational Materials

This measure proposes to reduce impacts to environmental resources associated with Project-related recreational opportunities. PPL Montana will develop information at the Mystic Lake Trailhead that complements Forest Service information on backcountry use to help reduce impacts to environmental resources associated with Project-related recreation opportunities. Within two years after the effective date of the License, PPL Montana will develop trailhead I&E materials in consultation with the Mystic Recreation, Land Use and Aesthetics Technical Advisory Committee. I&E materials could include additional signage or interpretive panels informing visitors to Mystic Lake of resource impacts from their use, identifying appropriate measures to minimize visitor effects on shoreline lands, and describing Project facilities visible from the Mystic Lake Trail.

Monitoring and Reporting of Recreational Use

PPL Montana will monitor visitor use in the Project area to complement visitor information collected by the Forest Service and to meet its FERC requirements for recreation-use reporting. PPL Montana will augment Forest Service monitoring of recreation visitors within the West Rosebud corridor by collecting: (1) additional visitor survey information about use of West Rosebud Lake, Mystic Lake Trail, and Mystic Lake, and (2) use counts of West Rosebud Road, Mystic Lake Trail, and trails leading from the lake to the surrounding backcountry. Mystic Lake and West Rosebud Lake are within the Project boundary. The portion of West Rosebud Road adjacent to West Rosebud Lake is within the Project boundary. The Mystic Lake Trail and other trails around Mystic Lake are not within the Project boundary.

PPL Montana will conduct a visitor survey and use counts beginning in 2013 and every six years thereafter over the term of the License. PPL Montana will consult with the Forest Service on study design for the visitor survey and collection of use counts.

Appendix A. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 11. Recreation Plan

Within one year of License issuance, the Licensee shall file with the Commission a Recreation Plan approved by the Forest Service. The plan shall address the management of the recreational resources at the project for the duration of the License term. The Licensee shall provide the necessary funding for the development and implementation of the Recreation Plan.

The Recreation Plan is intended to provide a framework for implementation of all recreation-site protection, mitigation and enhancement measures. At a minimum, the Recreation Plan shall include the following:

- A general description of the recreational sites.
- A discussion of the facilities that would be designed or redesigned to take into account the needs of disabled persons.
- A description of the erosion and sediment control measures where ground disturbing activities are proposed.
- A means for monitoring and reporting recreational use.
- A means to conduct consultation with stakeholders.
- Minimum pool level at Mystic Lake (7,663.5 ft, USGS datum) for seasonal recreational use.
- An outline of agreements and general terms and conditions for cooperation with the Forest Service, including planning and design of recreation facilities and improvements.
- A projected implementation schedule consistent with Condition No. 10, and an estimation of construction, and annual operation and maintenance costs for all proposed recreation measures.

Specific Recreation Plan protection, mitigation and enhancement measures include:

- Mystic Lake trailhead facility maintenance, including sanitary facilities.
- Information and educational materials.
- Mystic Lake trailhead parking & safety measures.
- Replacement of upper footbridge, Mystic Lake trail.
- Maintenance of sanitary and associated parking facilities at West Rosebud Lake.
- Development of handicapped accessible fishing opportunities at West Rosebud Lake (shoreline trail and pier).
- Development of a carry-in boat launch facility at West Rosebud Lake.
- Installation of a bear-resistant refuse container and provision for solid waste collection at West Rosebud Lake.
- Maintenance of USGS flow gage.
- Development of a Mystic Lake Whitewater Flow Plan.
- Establishment of an annual consultation process to forecast whitewater boating flows and enhance whitewater flows as conditions permit.
- Maintain a minimum water surface elevation at Mystic Lake of 7,663.5 ft (USGS datum) from July 10 to September 15 each year.
- Implementation of Recreational Use Surveys (initiate in 2013, then every 6 years).