



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8, MONTANA OFFICE  
FEDERAL BUILDING, 10 W. 15<sup>th</sup> STREET, SUITE 3200  
HELENA, MONTANA 59626

Ref: 8MO

ST. Ignatius-Southside  
Statement of Basis Addendum

The St. Ignatius-Southside NPDES Permit was public noticed and interested parties letters were sent out on October 19, 2009 for a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received and no changes were made to the permit or statement of basis.

**Endangered Species Act (ESA) Requirements:** Section 7(a) of the Endangered Species Act requires federal agencies to insure that any actions authorized, funded, or carried out by an Agency are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any federally-listed endangered or threatened species or adversely modify or destroy critical habitat of such species.

As the Flathead Reservation covers parts of two Montana counties, the threatened and endangered species listing was checked for both Missoula and Lake Counties and separately for the Flathead Reservation.

Federally listed threatened, endangered and candidate species and proposed and designated critical habitat found on the Flathead Reservation and in Lake County, Montana include:

Species/Critical Habitat	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat
Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	Threatened	Resident, transient; Alpine/subalpine coniferous forest
Canada Lynx	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Threatened, Critical Habitat	Resident; western Montana – montane spruce/fir forests
Bull Trout	<i>Salvelinus confluentis</i>	Threatened, Proposed Critical Habitat	Clark Fork, Flathead, Kootenai, St Mary, and Belly river basins; cold water rivers and lakes
Water Howellia	<i>Howellia aquatilis</i>	Threatened	Wetlands; Swan Valley, Lake and Missoula Counties
Spalding's Campion	<i>Silene spaldingii</i>	Threatened	Upper Flathead River Fisher River drainages; Tobacco Valley – open grasslands with rough fescue or bluebunch wheatgrass



Additional federally listed threatened, endangered and candidate species and proposed and designated critical habitat species for Missoula County but not for the Flathead Reservation are:

Species/Critical Habitat	Scientific Name	Status	Habitat
Yellow-billed cuckoo (western population)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Candidate	Riparian areas west of Continental Divide

EPA finds that this permit is Not Likely to Adversely Affect any of the species listed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act. This facility discharges into a wetland which flows to Sabine Creek, a tributary of Mission Creek and the Flathead River. There is one listed aquatic species for this drainage, the Bull Trout. The Montana Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office in Helena, Montana reviewed the draft Permit and Statement of Basis and concurs with the determination that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect any species listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act.

**National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Requirements:** Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470(f) requires that federal agencies consider the effects of federal undertakings on historic properties. EPA has evaluated its planned reissuance of the NPDES permit for the St. Ignatius-Southside lagoons to assess this action's potential effects on any listed or eligible historic properties or cultural resources. EPA does not anticipate any impacts on listed/eligible historic properties or cultural resources because this permit is a renewal and will not be associated with any new ground disturbance or changes to the volume or point of discharge. During the public comment period, EPA notified the Tribal Preservation Office of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the planned issuance of this NPDES permit and requested their input on potential effects on historic properties and EPA's preliminary determination in this regard. EPA did not receive any comment from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on the proposed permit reissuance.

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