## Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Duane Anderson Northwest Power Planning Council 851 SW Sixth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204

Dear Duane,

We have found several technical errors in the final protected areas stream reach list. Most of these errors relate to wrong RRN's for protected streams. The discovery of these errors resulted from a further review of our list using the 1:100,000 RRN quad book.

- 1. First, the RRN for Eddy Creek (1701021304900.00) along the lower Clark Fork refers to the wrong Eddy Creek. The Eddy Creek which we intended to protect is located along the north side of the Clark Fork River just upstream of Superior between Second Creek and Deep Creek (see enclosed maps). You'll notice there is no RRN for this Eddy. The Eddy Creek currently on the protected list refers to one across from the Thompson River. The correct Eddy Creek was described on Montana's protected areas maps and lists sent to the Council and public last year.
- 2. Mayo Creek (1701020416200.00) should be Mayo Gulch which is located only a few miles away on the lower Clark Fork just west of the town of St. Regis. I made a note to this effect on the July protected areas list and returned it on July 15, 1988 to Sue Ross just prior to the final Council adoption of the protected areas program. I do not know the correct EPA RRN for Mayo Gulch (if there is one) because this quad was not in our Montana RRN book. I have enclosed the appropriate page of the reach list and various maps showing its location. We used the correct name on our state protected areas list and corrected this error on our final state protected areas map.
- 3. The RRN for Rock Creek on the lower Clark Fork (below Missoula) is the wrong one. Instead of RRN =1701021316300.00 (the same one into which the Rock Creek, E Fork flows), the correct Rock Creek RRN should be 1701020414000.00. This Rock Creek is located across from D'Keefe Creek near Missoula (see enclosed maps). Although the number was not correct on the list, the correct Rock Creek location was described on all of Montana's protected areas lists and maps sent to the public and Council last year.

4. Rock Cr, E Fk, which is a tributary to Rock Creek in the lower Clark Fork near the Bull River (1701021316300.00), was not shown as protected in your July list. However, it was identified on our Department recommended

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protected areas lists and maps. Because of the large number of Rock Creeks on the Clark Fork, we missed seeing that reach was missing from your list last summer. There is no RRN for this reach in the Quad book.

Because we correctly identified these four reaches in our state's protected area lists and maps submitted to you and the public, we feel these are technical errors. These errors were mistakes in identifying correct RRN's during the transfer of data from one system (state water code) to another (EPA reach). We feel these corrections should be made as part of the technical amendment process.

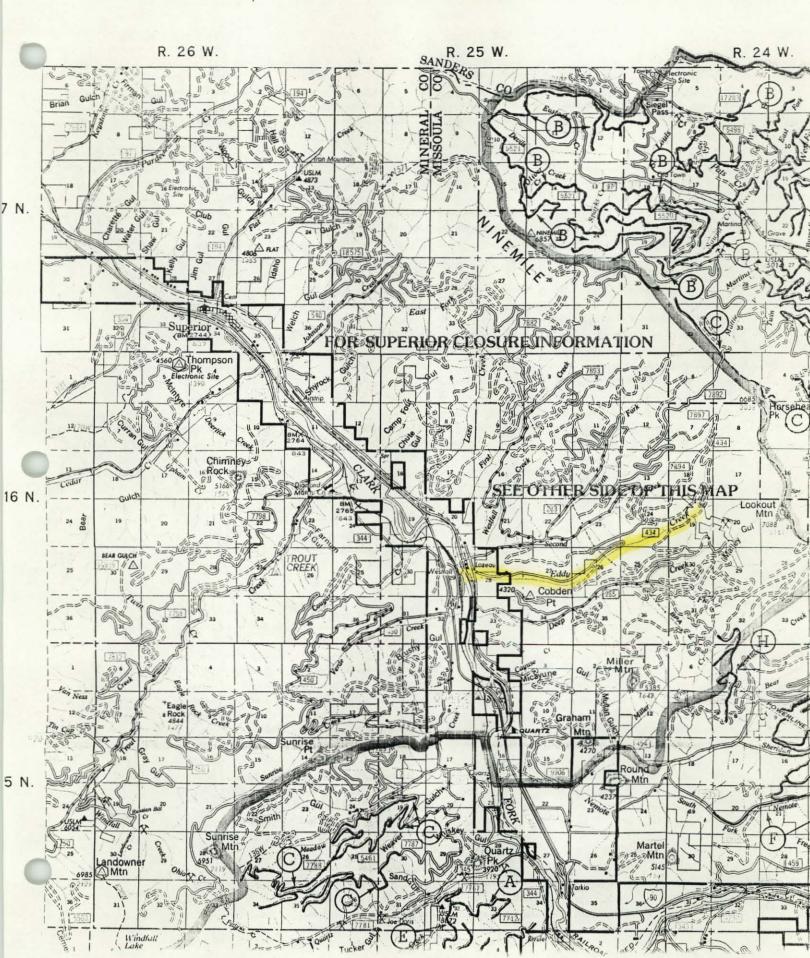
Please let us know if you need any additional information concerning these stream reaches and their locations.

Sincerely

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**Enclosures** 

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