



BITTERROOT CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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November 13, 2013

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Ravalli County Commissioners
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

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Ravalli County Commissioners

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Dear Ravalli County Commissioners:

The Bitterroot Conservation District Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of their decision made Tuesday, November 12, 2013, refusing the request for portage by the Bitterroot River Protection Association, in the following locations:

1. At the property boundary fence between James Wark and Thomas Hyde south of Bell Crossing Road on the Mitchell Slough.
2. At the property boundary fence between Tomas Hyde and Walter Babcock located south of Bell Crossing on the Mitchell Slough.
3. A route to be established at the property of Walter Babcock located south of Bell Crossing on the Mitchell Slough.
4. A route to be established at a fence located on the property of Hugh Cregg north of Bell Crossing on the Mitchell Slough.
5. A route to be established at a fence located on the property of Hugh Cregg north of Bell Crossing.
6. A route to be established at a fence located on the property of Hugh Cregg north of Bell Crossing on the Mitchell Slough.
7. A route to be established at a fence located on the property of Ken Siebel north of Bell Crossing on the Mitchell Slough.
8. A route to be established at the property boundary fence between Nelson/Johnstone and Ken Siebel south of Bell Crossing on the Mitchell Slough.
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The Supervisors are forwarding these portage requests to you, as allowed by law. According to Section 23-2-301 (11), MCA, "[S]upervisors" means the board of supervisors of a soil conservation district, the directors of a grazing district, or the board of county commissioners, if a request pursuant to 23-2-311(3)(b) . . . is refused by the board of supervisors of a soil conservation district. . . .

The Ravalli County Commissioners are now the designated government officials required to act on this request.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Ruffatto
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
The Bitterroot Conservation District

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Encs: The Bitterroot River Protection Association portage route requests on the Mitchell Slough.

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Bitterroot River Protection Association

P. O. Box 8, Stevensville, Montana 59870 phone: 239-4838

Bitterroot Conservation District

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November 6, 2013

Dear Supervisors,

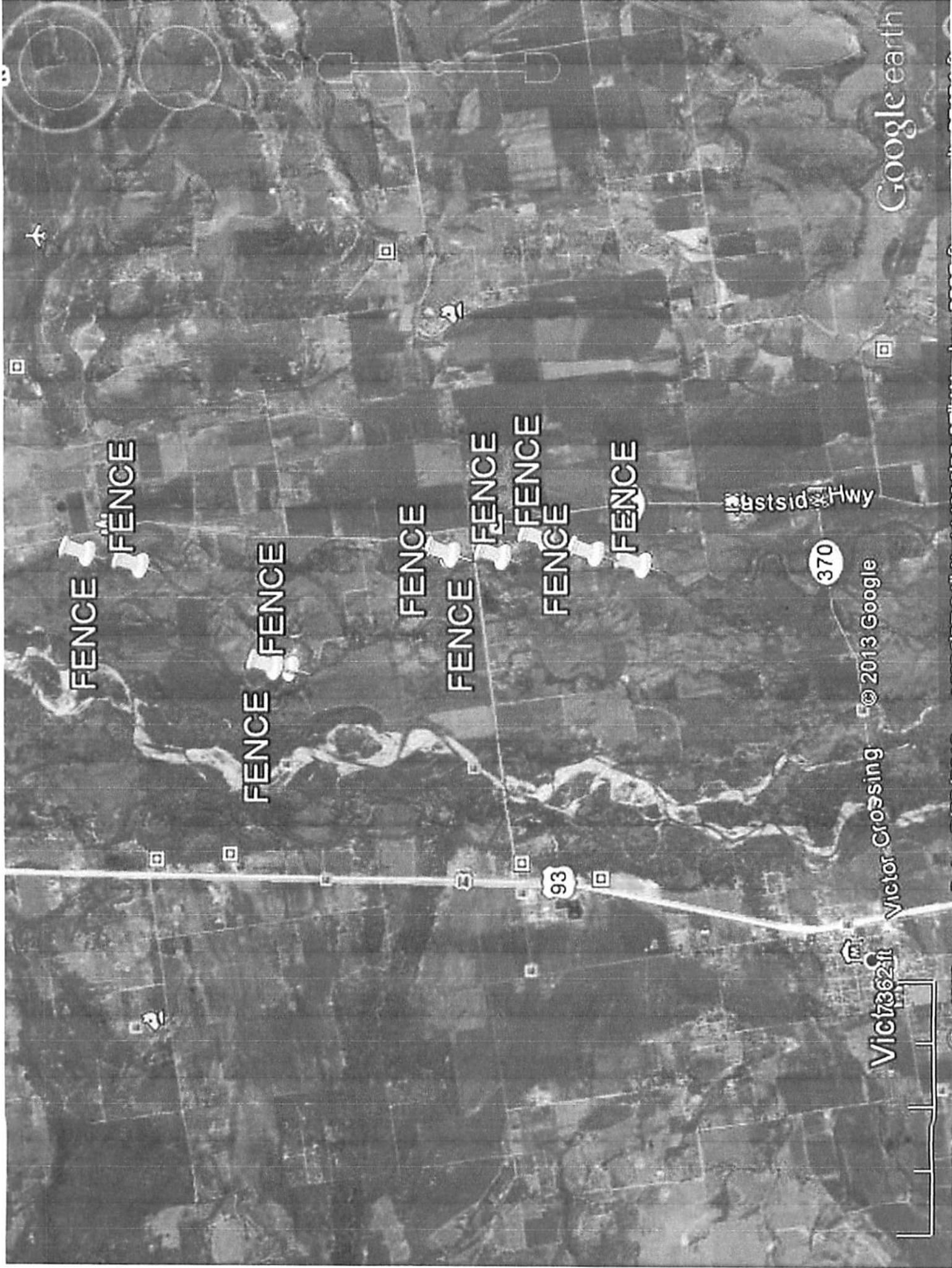
The Bitterroot River Protection Association is submitting some Portage Route requests pursuant to 23-2-311 MCA. Each of these requests is located within a few miles of each other along a river channel known locally as Mitchell Slough and could be easily viewed by the Board of Supervisors in a day or two. Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks Chris Clancy is familiar with the locations and the nature of the obstacles. All involve fences, most involving barbed wire, some electric, and as such represent clear public safety hazards to any recreationist trying to get through them.

Due to the significant public safety issues involved we are hoping for a prompt processing of these requests. We have included a map showing the approximate location of each request for your convenience.

Sincerely,


Michael Howell, Secretary

Bitterroot River Protection Association.



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November 6, 2013

Dear Supervisors,

The Bitterroot River Protection Association is making Portage Route request pursuant to 23-2-311 for a route to be established at the property boundary fence between James Wark and Thomas Hyde south of Bell Crossing Road on Mitchell Slough. FWP Chris Clancy is familiar with the site and the nature of the obstacle.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Howell".

Michael Howell, Secretary
Bitterroot River Protection Association

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Dear Supervisors,

The Bitterroot River Protection Association is making a Portage Route request pursuant to 23-2-311 for a route to be established at the property boundary between Tom Hyde and Walter Babcock located south of Bell Crossing on Mitchell Slough. FWP Chris Clancy is familiar with the location and the nature of the obstacle.



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Handwritten signature of Michael Howell

Michael Howell, Secretary

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Dear Supervisors,

The Bitterroot River Protection Association is making a Portage Route request pursuant to 23-2-311 for a route to be established at the property of Walter Babcock located south of Bell Crossing on Mitchell Slough. FWP Chris Clancy is familiar with the location and the nature of the obstacle.



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Dear Supervisors,

The Bitterroot River Protection Association is making Portage Route request pursuant to 23-2-311 for a route to be established at a fence located on the property of Hugh Cregg (Huey Lewis) north of Bell Crossing. FWP Chris Clancy is familiar with the location and the nature of the obstacle. Although there was a Portage Route once established there it has been modified and is no longer functional.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Howell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Approximate location:



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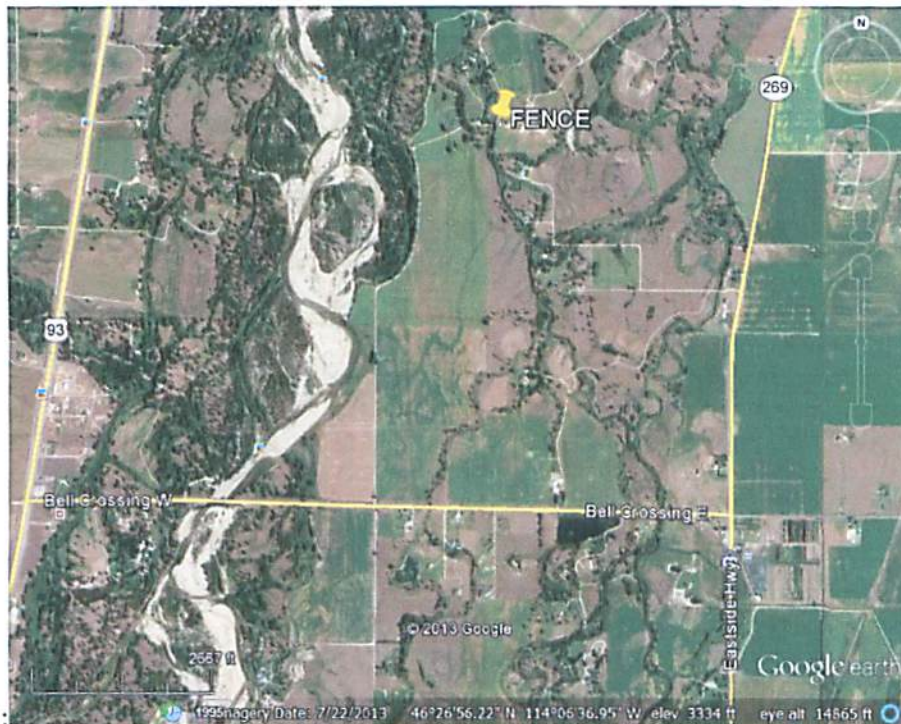
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Dear Supervisors,

The Bitterroot River Protection Association is making Portage Route request pursuant to 23-2-311 for a route to be established at a fence located on the property of Ken Siebel north of Bell Crossing. FWP Chris Clancy is familiar with the location and the nature of the obstacle. It is a fence adjacent to a bridge.

Approximate location:



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Dear Supervisors,

The Bitterroot River Protection Association is making Portage Route request pursuant to 23-2-311 for a route to be established at the property boundary fence between (Nelson or Johnstone) and Siebel south of Bell Crossing Road on Mitchell Slough. FWP Chris Clancy is familiar with the site and the nature of the obstacle.



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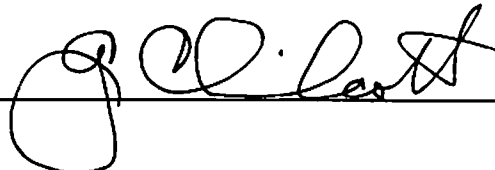
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Bitterroot River Protection Association

VERIFICATION OF DELIVERY

DOCUMENT: BETTERROOT RIVER PROTECTION ASSOCIATION'S
PORTAGE REQUESTS ON THE MITCHELL SLOUGH

RECIPIENTS SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 15 Nov 2013 2:00 pm

DELIVERERS SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 11/15/13