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ITEM 221-1007-R1125

Request for Authorization to Grant an Electric Easement to Mission Valley Power at Yellow Bay State Park within Flathead Lake Biological Station Property; University of Montana Missoula

THAT

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.6-IV, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana to grant an easement to Mission Valley Power to replace an overhead electric power line with a buried electric power line at Yellow Bay State Park, which is part of the Flathead Lake Biological Station property, per the attached documents.

EXPLANATION

The University of Montana (UM) owns property known as the Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS); in 1941, the Montana legislature designated a portion of the FLBS to be used by the Montana State Park Commission for a scientific and recreational use park. Today, this park is known as Yellow Bay State Park. The driveway approach to Yellow Bay State Park from Hwy 35 was recently reconfigured to improve safety. As an ancillary project, it is proposed to bury approximately 780 feet of electric power line, largely along the driveway, which requires an easement.

This easement grants Mission Valley Power access to FLBS property at Yellow Bay State Park to replace an overhead electric power line with a buried electric power line.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Mission Valley Power easement document