## Received by Erik Wickman, Executive Office Manager SEP 2 7 2024 Director's Office Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

# BEFORE THE MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the adoption of NEW ) RULE pertaining to power watercraft ) operation restrictions on the Bull River ) RULEMAKING PETITION

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. The name of the Petitioner is Paul Overman; P.O. Box 31, Heron, MT 59844; (406) 847-2302

2. Petitioner's property has been adversely affected by the operation of power watercraft on the Bull River, and the risk to kayakers, canoers, floaters, and fisherman, are as follows:

(a)The operation of motor watercraft causes unnecessary erosion to properties along the river, my property and to the properties that have been protected and preserved by Avista and the State of Montana.

(b) The river has been traditionally used as a family recreational river for floaters, kayaks, canoes and fisherman, and the presence of high speed powered jet boats and powered watercraft presents an unnecessary risk to such family activities in violation of established FWP power water vessel operational restrictions. see Exhibit A (photos of jet boat operations on Bull River)

3. The reason for the need of the proposed Commission action is because without a power water vessel restriction on the Bull River, the risk to family recreators and damage to Petitioner's land, and land of others as set forth above, will continue and increase without such no-power use Rule.

## ADOPTION:

4. No powered water craft allowed on the Bull River from its headwaters to the confluence of the Bull River Bay

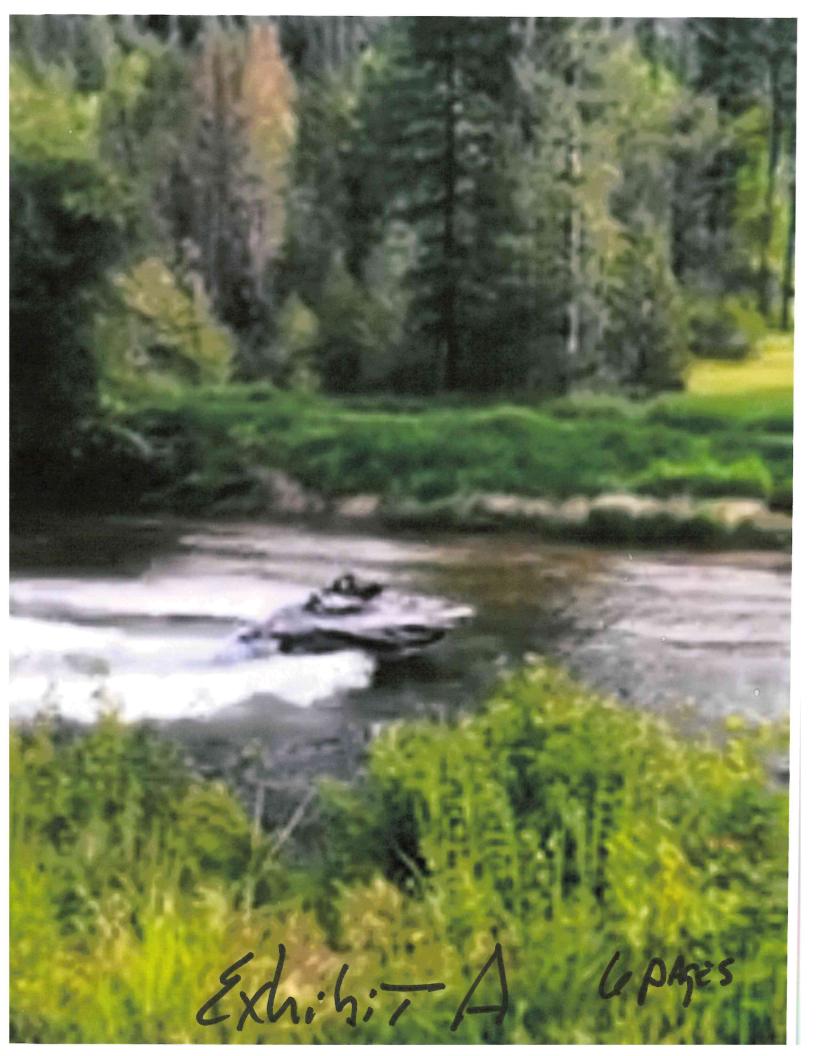
5. Persons known to petitioner to have an interest in the proposed agency action are: Exhibit B.

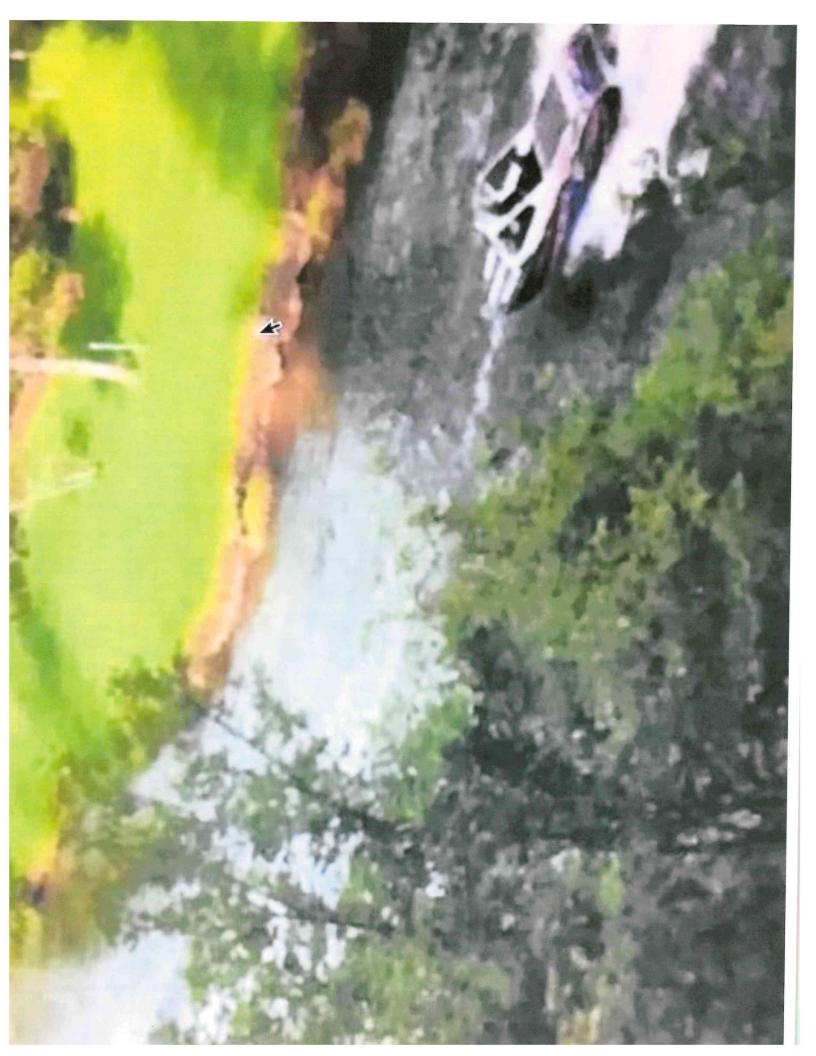
6. Petitioner requests a hearing and oral presentation of petitioner's views.

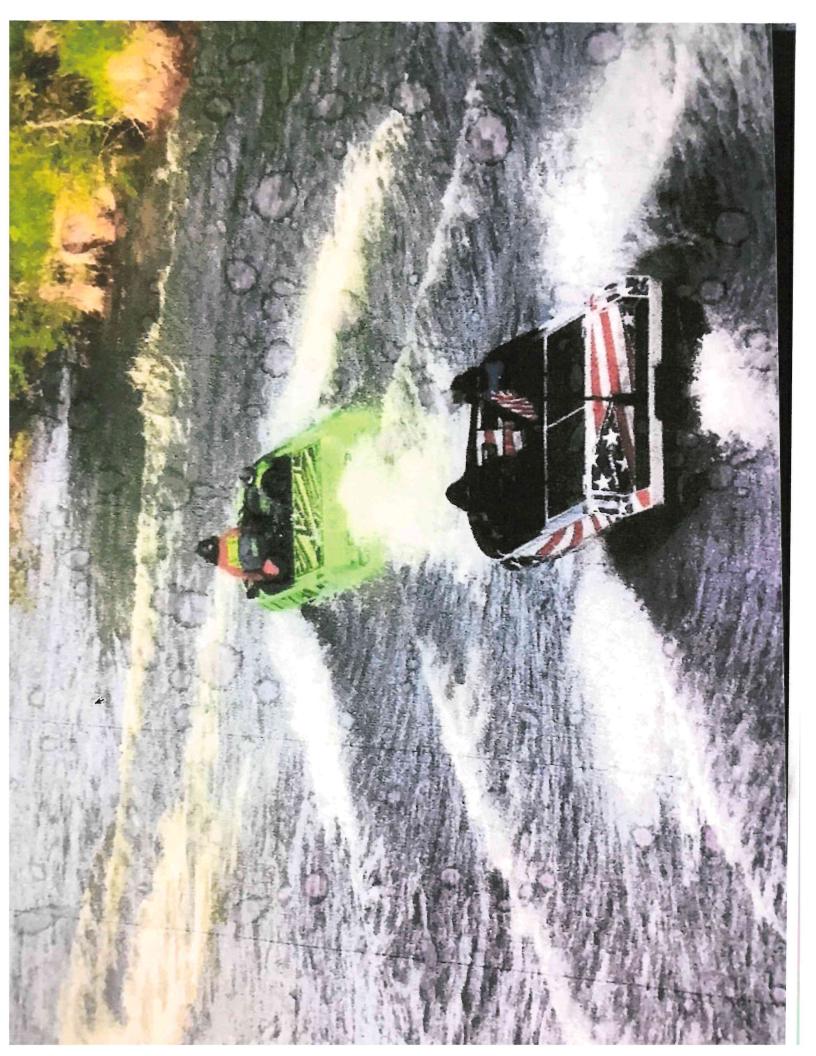
WHEREFORE, petitioner requests the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission of the State of Montana to restrict powered water vessels from the headwaters of the Bull River to its confluence with the Bull River Bay.

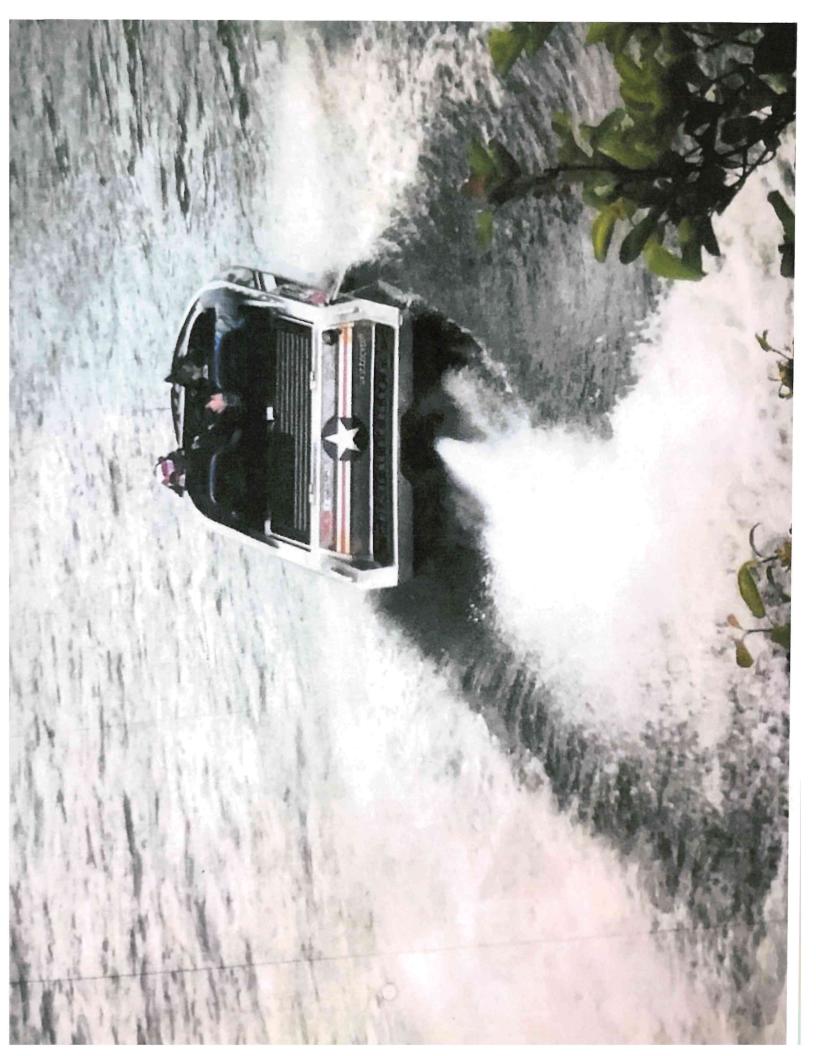
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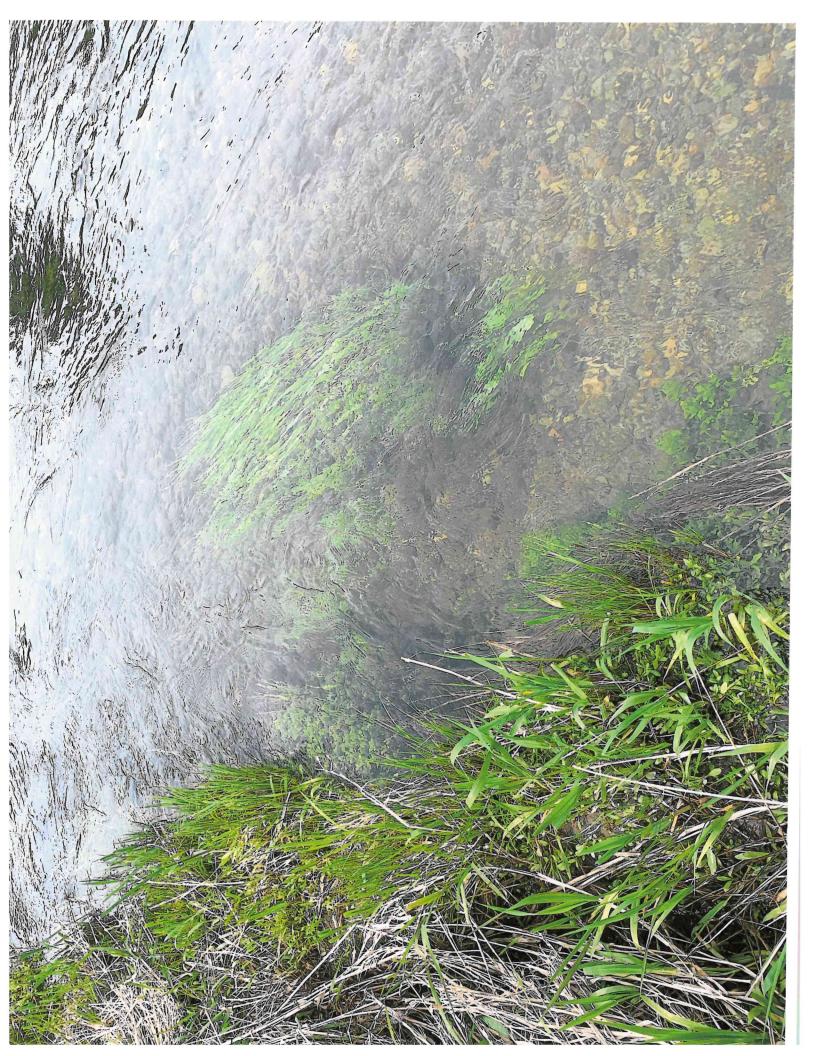
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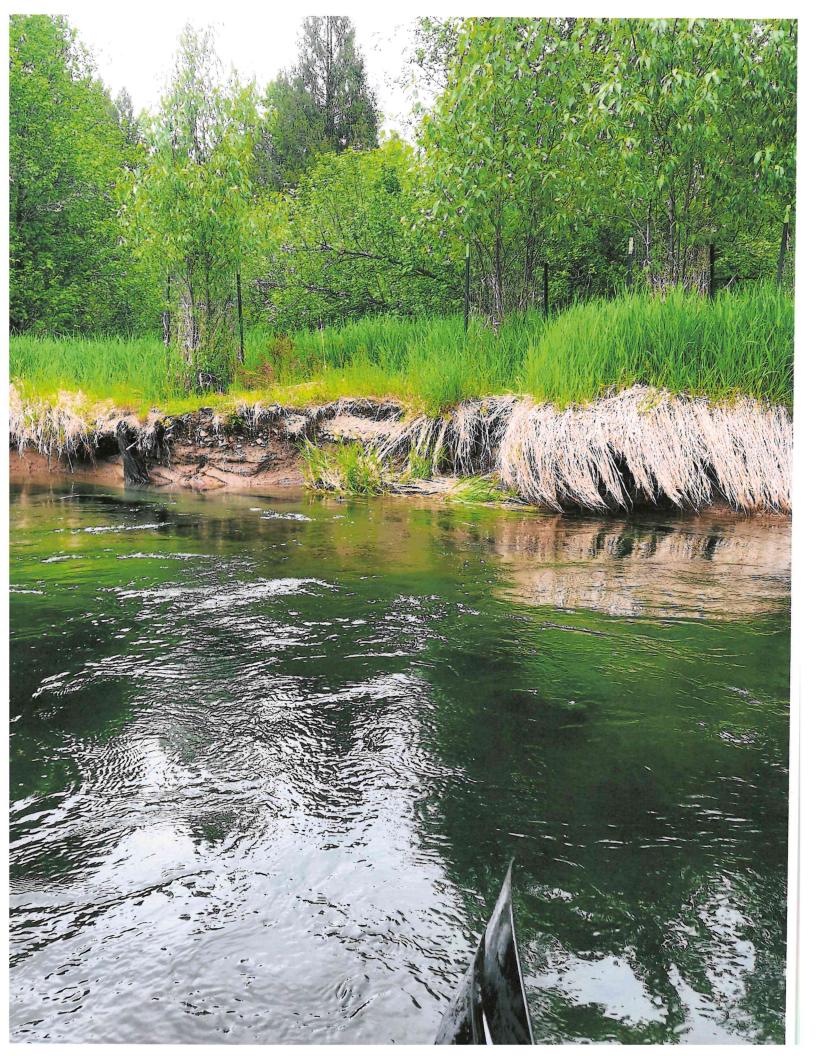












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