

February 16, 2023
Virtual Workshop
for Project
Solicitation

UCFRB Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Restoration Plans Revision

Meeting Overview

Virtual Meeting.

Meeting being recorded.

Anyone making a comment or asking question, please raise your virtual hand.

All participants shall announce their names before speaking, every time.

UCFRB Aquatic Restoration Plan Goals

1

Restore the mainstems trout fishery by improving recruitment of fish from tributaries.

2

Replace lost trout angling in the mainstems by improving trout populations in the tributaries.

3

Maintain or improve native trout populations in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin to preserve rare and diverse gene pools and improve the diversity and resiliency of the trout fishery.

UCFRB Terrestrial Restoration Plan Goals

1

Restore injured terrestrial resources and associated ecological and recreational services (hunting, wildlife viewing, other outdoor recreation).

2

Replace injured terrestrial resources by protecting and enhancing habitat.

3

Replace lost hunting, wildlife viewing, other outdoor recreation and ensure public access to these resources.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Public

CC: UCFRB Advisory Council, NRDP Staff

FROM: Doug Martin, NRDP Restoration Program Chief

DATE: January 24, 2023

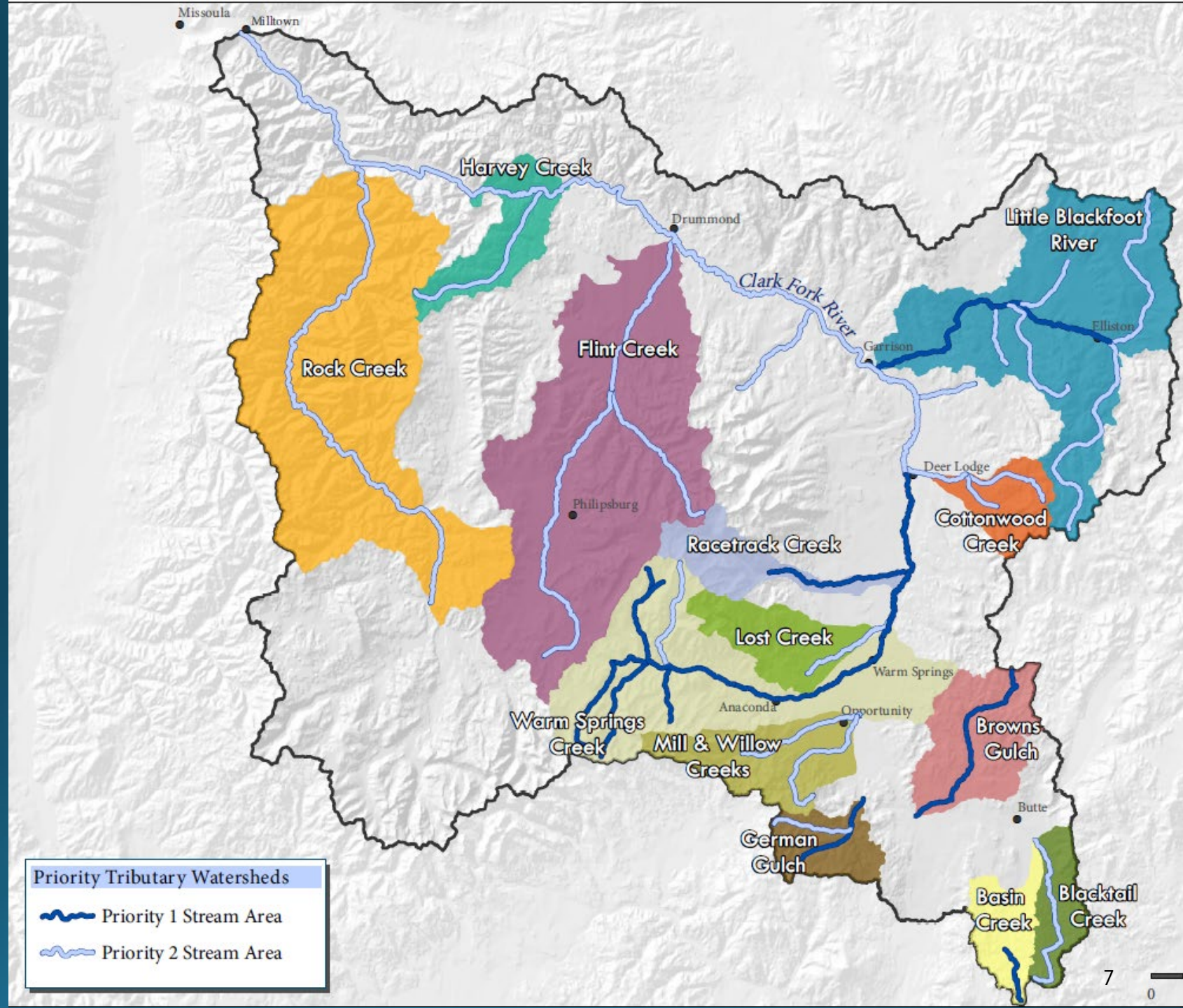
SUBJECT: 2023 *UCFRB Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Restoration Plans, Update, Solicitation of New Restoration Action Concepts and Potential Revisions*

2023 Revision of the UCFRB Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Restoration Plans

- Solicitation of New Restoration Action Concepts and Potential Revisions
 - Aquatic Projects – Within Priority Areas
 - Terrestrial Projects – Within Priority Areas
 - Recreation Projects – Provide resource benefits
- Potential Revisions – To improve implementation of Plans

Priority Tributary Watersheds

- 2018 Prioritization of Areas in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin for Fishery Enhancement



Project Types to Achieve Restoration Goals

Flow Augmentation



Fish Entrainment Reduction



Fish Passage Improvement



Riparian Habitat
Protection/
Improvement

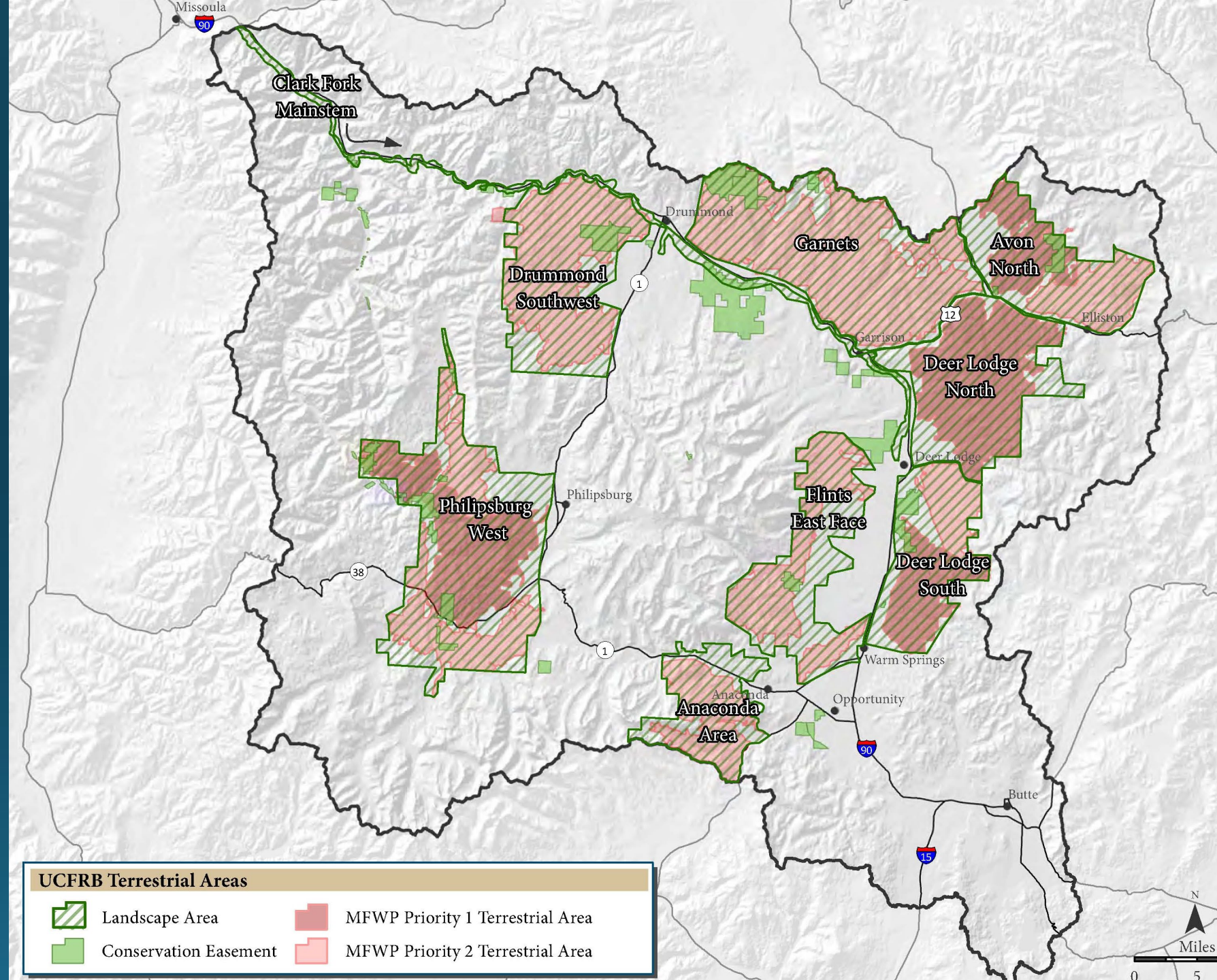


Instream Habitat/
Improved Stream
Function



Priority Terrestrial Areas

2011 Upper Clark Fork River Basin Terrestrial Wildlife Resource Prioritization



Project Types to Achieve Restoration Goals

Lands Projects

- Public Land Acquisitions
- Conservation Easements

Habitat Enhancement Projects

- Riparian and Wetland Enhancement
- Grassland and Shrub Grassland Enhancement
- Forest Enhancement
- Data Gathering/Monitoring



Solicitation Process and Scope

Process

- Submittal of conceptual projects/ideas
- State will consider/evaluate all proposals
- Advisory and Trustee Councils will consider and make recommendation to Governor

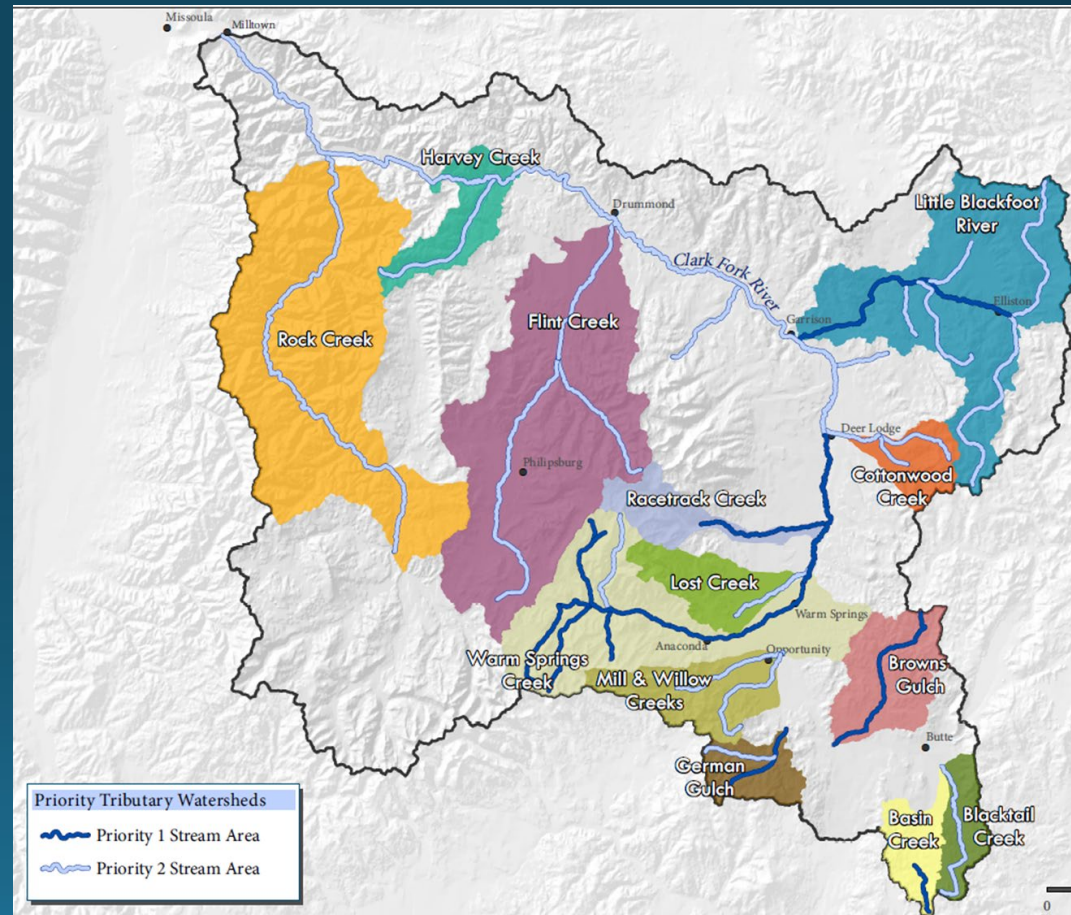
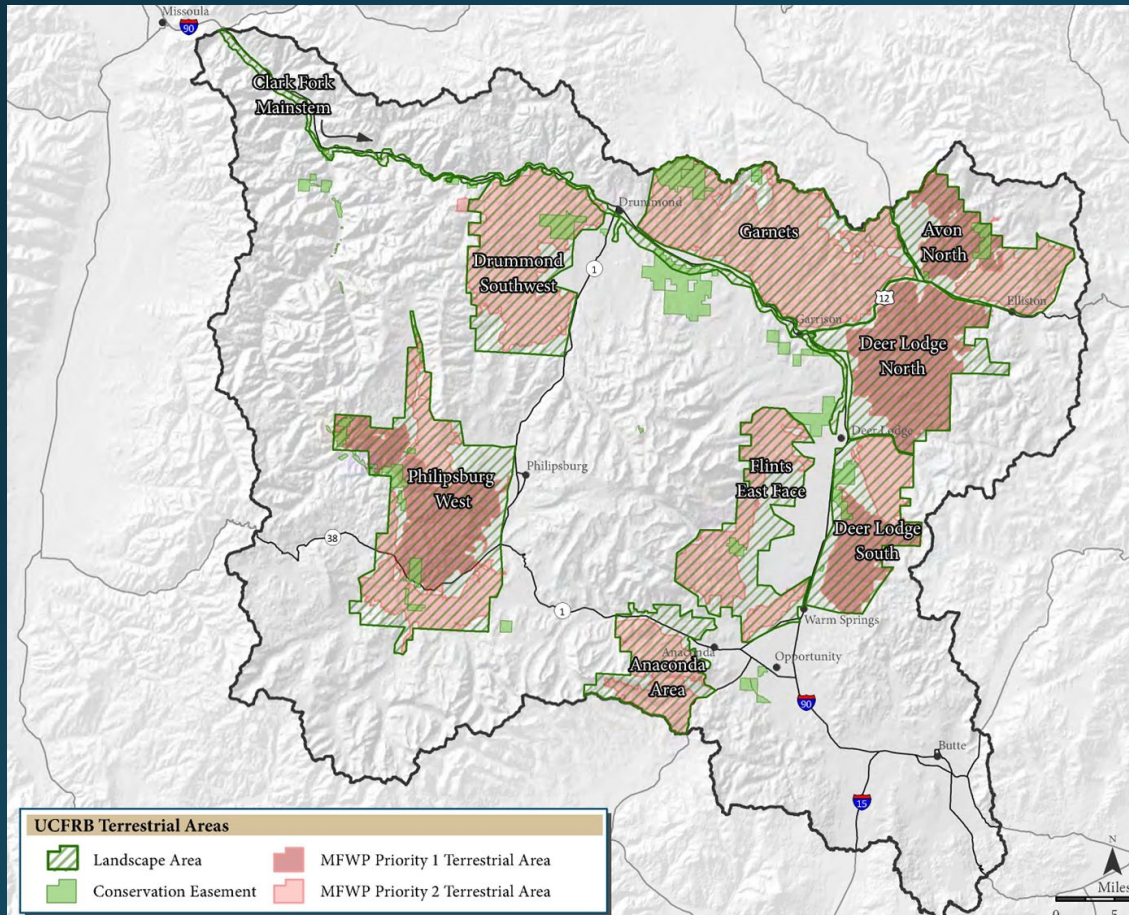
Scope

- Project abstract: name/project purpose/location/description /cost.
- Natural Resource Damage criteria/integration.
- Public meeting to consider and recommend

Solicitation Guidance

- Guidance Documents: (on NRDP web-site)
- <https://dojmt.gov/lands/sites/upper-clark-fork-river-basin/>.
 - Final Upper Clark Fork River Basin Long Range Priorities and Fund Allocation Guidance Plan (2011)
 - Final Upper Clark Fork River Basin Interim Restoration Process Plan (2012)
 - Final Upper Clark Fork River Basin Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Restoration Plans (2018)
 - 2011 Upper Clark Fork River Basin Terrestrial Wildlife Resource Prioritization
 - 2018 Prioritization of Areas in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin for Fishery Enhancement
 - Status of Aquatic and Terrestrial Restoration and Recreation Projects, December 2022
 - DRAFT 2012 Upper Clark Fork River Basin Aquatic Resources Restoration Plan Monitoring and Maintenance Plan

Priority 1 and 2 Areas and Injured Areas



Solicitation Guidance

- Attachment A
- PROPOSED RESTORATION ACTION CONCEPT ABSTRACT FORM
 - Your Name and Contact Information
 - Project Purpose and Benefits
 - Project Location
 - Project Description
 - Integration/Coordination with Restoration Plans
 - Project Schedule
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Schedule for the 2023 Revision of the UCFRB Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources Restoration Plans

January – February 2023

- Following 2012 Final Process Plan procedures NRDP proposes State revisions to the Plans.
- Solicit Public for Proposed Restoration Concept Projects and Revisions (Due March 3, 2023)

Spring 2023 (2 meetings)

- Advisory Council meeting to advise on Concept Projects and Revisions
- Advisory Council meeting during 30-day public comment period for 2023 Draft Plans.

September 2023

- Advisory Council meeting to consider public comment, make recommendation to Governor on 2023 Draft Plans

October 2023

- Trustee Restoration Council meeting consider public comment, make recommendation to Governor on 2023 Draft Plans

November 2023

- Provide 2023 Draft Plans to Governor for Consideration

Additional Guidance

- NRDP will hold a virtual public workshop to discuss the solicitation process, solicitation guidance, project requirements, and review criteria from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on February 16, 2023.
- See NRDP web-site for links to meeting.
- <https://dojmt.gov/lands/sites/upper-clark-fork-river-basin/>.
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