

**Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project, FERC P-12478
Scoping Site Visit, 4/11/06**

A site visit under FERC Scoping requirements for the Subject Project was conducted on April 11, 2006. In attendance were:

NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE
Richard Rosenberg	GDHC	360 738 9999
Dick Dye	Reclamation – Billings	406 247 7631
Steve Davies	Reclamation – Billings	406 247 7322
Mike Munoz	USDA – FS, Choteau	406 466 5341
Joe Dellwo	Teton County	406 466 2151
Arnie Gettel	Teton County	406 466 2151
Justin Jimenez	USDA – FS	801 236 3467
Alex Garvisheff	USDA – FS	406 791 7716
Laura Conway	USDA – FS	406 791 7739
Michael Enk	USDA – FS	406 791 7729
Gerrish Willis	USDA – FS	801 236 3469
Bob Hardin	GID	406 467 2533
Mike Prewitt	GDHC	206 525 3483
Mike Henry	FERC	503 552 2762
Matt Cutlip	FERC	503 866 3918
Kim Nguyen	FERC	202 502 6105
Fred Davison	Self	406 733 5031
Quentin Kujala	MFW&P	406 467 2488
Sam Carlson	Teton County	406 590 3062
Dave Wanderaas	USDA – FS	406 791 7711
Kieth Gebo	Montana Wilderness	406 788 6913
Thom Fischer	GDHC	360 738 9999, ext.111

The site visit convened at about 9:20 am. Mike Prewitt described the purpose of the site visit to familiarize participants with the proposed Project features and alternative locations for the powerhouse and transmission line.

Thom Fischer described the powerhouse location alternatives and noted that the primary difference among the alternatives was the need for working in the dry. He said that the “upstream” alternative would require coffering of the Sun River to assure dry working conditions, while the downstream alternative could be constructed without the need for coffering. He said that he had surveyed the powerhouse sites earlier in the week and determined the extent of excavation

necessary. Thom showed the group the probable location of the support facilities and switchyard.

Part of the group then split off to visit the parking area at the dam overlook and to view typical segments of the existing distribution line in the canyon. The remainder of the group waited at the turnoff to the Sun River Inn. After the groups rejoined, they traveled to the diversion dam area where they observed the diversion dam and the inlet to the Pishkun diversion canal. They then moved to a downstream area where they observed the siphon bridge and siphon to the Pishkun canal.

The group then traveled to an area about four miles from the mouth of the canyon and observed the view of the Rocky Mountain Front and the Wildlife Management Area. The group made two more stops along the Sun River Canyon Road to observe characteristics of the “County Road Transmission Line Alternative Route” before disbanding.

The site visit adjourned at about 12:30 pm.