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Dear Ms. Bushnell,

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the UBMC siting study and possible alternative sites.

I agree with the selection of Section 35 as the best alternative although without a price for the land, it is impossible to determine whether or not it would be the cheapest of the alternatives.

Alice Creek Site 7, which is retained as a standalone alternative, could create more problems if the wetland involved is connected to a navigable waterway. This would require a Corps permit and as you say the work may alter grizzly habitat and need to be mitigated. You may even have to do a Section 7 consultation with the U.S.F. and W. Service. Additionally if the wetland had to be mitigated by building another wetland, it would be difficult since constructed wetlands have a notorious failure rate. I would say this site should be viewed as a last area to consider.

The way you have prepared documentation for this study and clearly stated what was proposed is to be commended. Involving so many stake holders in this process is also commendable. Please pass my regards on to whomever designed and published the Mike Horse Messenger. It shows the public is certainly getting its value from our public servants.

Best Wishes,
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