

**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENHANCING MONTANA'S MADISON AND
MISSOURI RIVER CORRIDOR ^{TWS}**

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PPL Montana and state and federal resource agencies have recently signed a 10 year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which provides a consultation framework and funding mechanism for implementation of wildlife, fisheries, water quality, and habitat protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures for the 500 mile Madison and Missouri River corridor as part of PPL Montana's Project 2188 FERC License. The MOU combines efficiencies and innovation in the operation of competitive corporate business with public agency and NGO incentives for adaptive resource management. The MOU collaborative, in the first year of implementation, has identified significant cost-share partnerships exceeding \$50 million over the next 10 years between PPL Montana, resource agencies, and NGO's for various fisheries and wildlife projects including wetland, riparian, and associated upland restoration projects within the river corridor.