MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
FWP PROPOSAL & INFORMATION SHEET

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Meeting Date: December 10, 2026

Agenda Item: Johnson Reservoir FAS Land Use License

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background: FWP is seeking the Commission's approval to enter a Land Use License with DNRC for continued management of Johnson Reservoir FAS. Johnson Reservoir FAS is a 29-acre site in Region 7, about 30 miles northwest of Glendive. Johnson Reservoir FAS provides important public access in an area with limited access opportunities.

Johnson Reservoir FAS was managed through an agreement that expired in 2025. This Land Use License will renew FWP's management of Johnson Reservoir FAS for two years and expire February 28, 2029, extending public use and access. The license fee is $3507 each year to be paid in one lump sum of $7,014. This site has been identified as an opportunity to transition to a permanent easement with DNRC. Commission approval of this Land Use License will give FWP time to work on a permanent agreement for management with DNRC.

Public Involvement Process & Results: FWP will tier to DNRC's completed environmental assessment for this project. DNRC has posted an EA for public comment which FWP will utilize due to the simplicity of the project and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

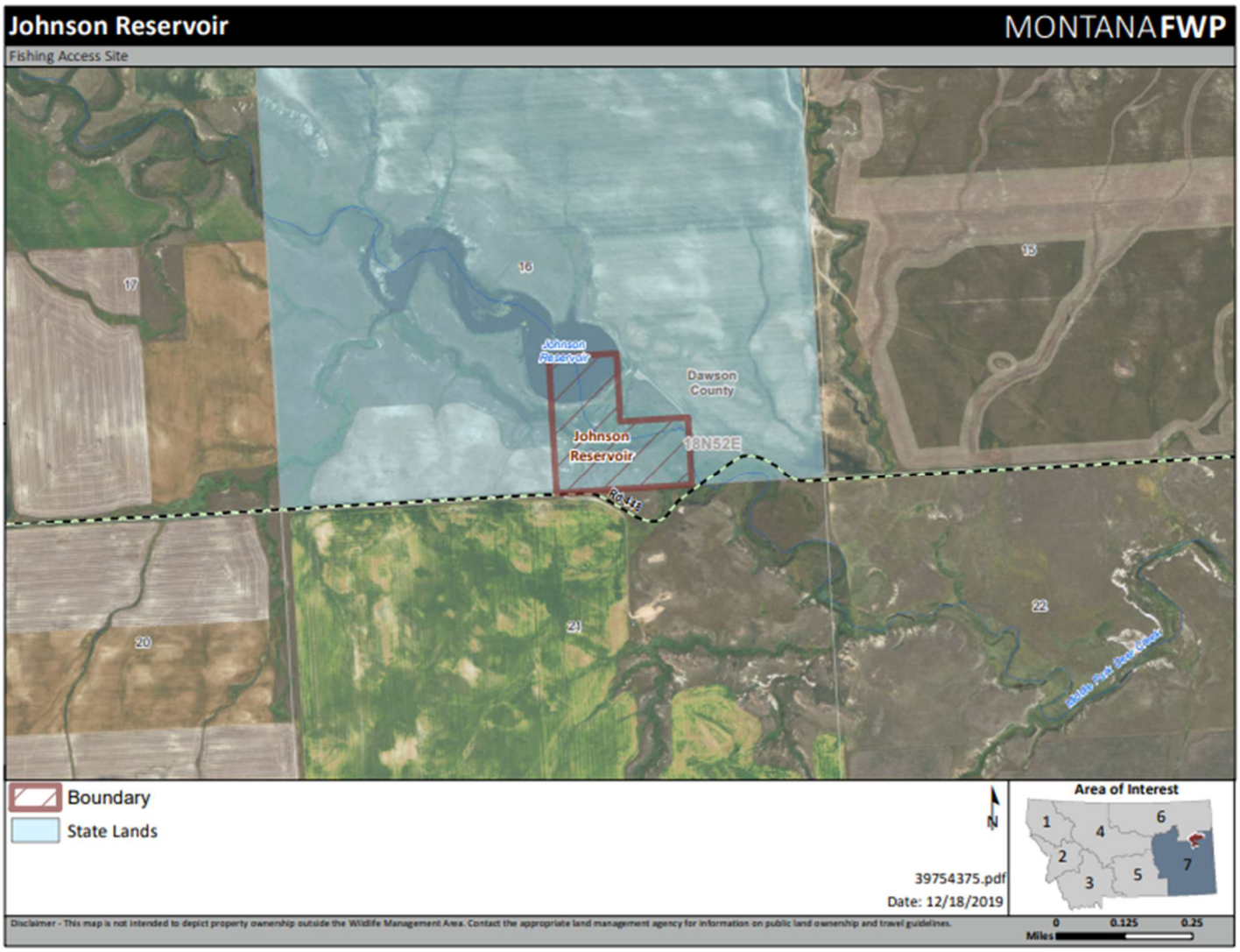
Alternatives & Analysis:

No action: FWP would get a Land Use License for the site and FWP's management presence at Johnson Reservoir will end.

Action: FWP would get a Land Use License with DNRC to continue management at Johnson Reservoir FAS.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: FWP recommends the Commission approve this proposal. A Land Use License at Johnson Reservoir FAS will allow FWP to continue management of the site and keep it open for public use.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the proposal to authorize the Department to enter a Land Use License with DNRC for Johnson Reservoir FAS.


Johnson Reservoir
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