



## CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 26, 2016

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On behalf of the Bridger Pipeline, LLC (Bridger)

Re: Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning for the January 2015 Yellowstone River Oil Spill

Dear Mr. Harris:

Based on information collected during the preassessment in accordance with the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA) regulations at 15 CFR Part 990, Subpart D, the United States Department of the Interior, represented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the State of Montana trustees (Trustees) have determined that the requirements of the regulations have been met and it is appropriate to conduct Restoration Planning in accordance with 15 CFR Part 990, Subpart E, and corresponding Montana state law. The details of this determination and the Trustees' associated findings are contained in the enclosed Notice of Intent to Conduct Restoration Planning.

The OPA NRDA regulations at 15 CFR 990.14(c) direct the Trustees to invite responsible parties to participate in this process. As Bridger has been identified as a Responsible Party, the Trustees hereby invite its participation in the NRDA process.

Please be advised that, pursuant to 15 CFR 990.14(c)(4), the nature and extent of responsible party participation in the NRDA is at the sole discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, should the Trustees determine that the participation of any responsible party is

interfering with the Trustees' ability to fulfill their responsibilities to the public under OPA, the Trustees may end the responsible party's participation.

Please respond to this invitation to participate in writing on your client's behalf to the undersigned within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you fail to do so, the Trustees will assume that the Bridger has declined this invitation and does not intend to participate in the NRDA.

Sincerely,

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