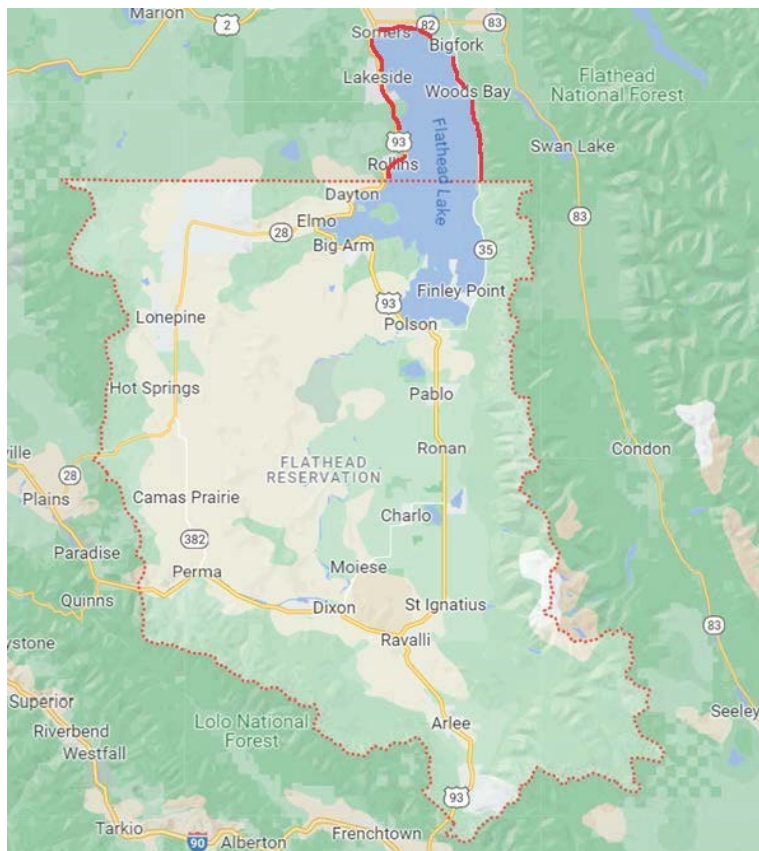


Does the Flathead Water Compact Expand Reservation Boundaries?



The Flathead Water Compact awards to the United States / CSKT fictitious time immemorial tribal reserved water rights to all of the natural water in Flathead Lake.

PLEASE INFORM YOURSELF BEFORE THE WATER COURT APPROVES THE COMPACT, AND THERE IS NO TURNING BACK.

- Could this water right effectively expand the boundaries of the Flathead Reservation via tribal control over all of the lake?
- If Montana ceded all of the water in Flathead Lake in the compact, did it also cede ownership of the bed and banks for the entirety of the lake to the United States / CSKT?
- If the compact stands, will the tribe be able to regulate landowners all around the lake?
- What could this mean in the context of the 10' easement on properties that are owned around the lake, and tribal access to your property?
- This water right places landowners around the lake, particularly irrigators, at great risk for water calls.
- The manipulation of Flathead Lake levels experienced in 2023 are just the tip of the iceberg. If the tribe can manipulate lake and reservoir levels, they can manipulate water shortages to initiate calls on water all around and above the lake.
- If the tribe's water rights in the compact were being enforced in 2023, water calls all around the lake could also be in effect, including the Swan River area and Flathead River above Perma.
- Will the Unitary Management provisions of the compact affect your water uses even if you live outside of reservation boundaries? **We think yes.**

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