**NOTICE OF A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUEST**

The City of Deer Lodge has received a request for a Floodplain Development Permit from NorthWestern Energy of 11 East Park Street, Butte, MT 59701. The requested Permit is to replace an existing natural gas distribution line to facilitate the Montana Department of Transportation Conley Street Bridge replacement project. The proposed project is to bore a new 4” steel natural gas pipeline under the Clark Fork River approximately 20 feet downstream of the existing bridge at a depth of 13’, which is two times the calculated scour. There are no expected impacts on streambank erosion, water quality, or aquatic habitat as a result of this project. A Floodplain Development Permit is necessary for the pipeline boring as the project site lies in the Regulatory Floodway of the Clark Fork River as shown on Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel #30060 0001 B. The project site is West Main Street in Section 4, Township 7 North, Range 9 West. Interested parties may contact the City’s floodplain administrator, Jordan Green, at (406) 846-2238 for further information regarding the request or to submit comments before September 10th. The application and all supporting materials are available for viewing at Deer Lodge City Hall, 300 Main Street.