

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 10, 2015

Agenda Item: Lease Agreement for Three-Stall Fishing Access Site, Blackfoot River

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background

The Blackfoot Corridor Agreement was renewed with Commission approval in 2015. During this process, it was discovered that two of the main fishing access sites in the Blackfoot Corridor – Round Up and Three Stall – were private properties being managed by FWP with no formal agreement. In November, the Commission endorsed FWP's request to pursue a formal lease with the private landowner to manage the Round Up FAS. For efficiency, FWP now asks the same endorsement to include the Three Stall FAS in this negotiation as well. FWP is already managing both sites for public use, so very few additional maintenance resources would be necessary. The landowner has requested that trash receptacles be placed and maintained at these locations.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Any mutually acceptable lease agreement drafted after Commission endorsement would later be proposed for public comment with additional Commission approval. Such approval would initiate a public process, to include public opportunities to comment on the terms and content of the agreement

Alternatives and Analysis

Formalize the management of Three Stall FAS in a Lease Agreement.

- 1) Continue with the informal management of the site.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that a formal agreement be established with this landowner on this very important Blackfoot River access point. An agreement that details respective roles, expectations, and responsibilities helps to protect everyone's interest.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission endorse negotiation of a lease agreement between FWP and the private owner of the Three Stall FAS to formally secure FWP long-term management of the site.