

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 14, 2017

Agenda Item: Lease Agreement at Silos Canyon Ferry Reservoir (R4)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Min

Background

State officials are responding to the first detection of aquatic invasive mussels in Montana after larvae were discovered in water samples collected in the summer of 2016 in Tiber and Canyon Ferry reservoirs. The Mussel Response team has identified locations for setting up Inspection and Decontamination Sites around Tiber and Canyon Ferry. The Bureau of Reclamation has issued FWP permits at four sites, three at Canyon Ferry and one at Tiber. Two private sites have been identified, one at Silos and one at Galata. The Silos site is a graveled 7.46 acre lot on Silos Road about ¾ mile west of Canyon Ferry reservoir. The lease has been negotiated for \$24,000 annually, for a 1 year term, renewable in 1-5 year terms. The funds will come from the AIS budget.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Upon receiving the Commission's endorsement on February 10, 2017, FWP prepared an environmental assessment for the Silos site that was released for public comment on March 24 for Silos. Public comment closes on April 9. The Decision notice will be published by April 11.

Alternatives and Analysis

To Lease.
No Action.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

To allow FWP to lease the Silos site for a mussel inspection and decontamination site.

Proposed Motion

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve FWP to lease property at the Silos for setting up a Mussel Inspection and Decontamination site at Canyon Ferry.