



MT Fish & Wildlife Commission

Avista Cooperative Recreation Management Area

Public Use Special Regulations

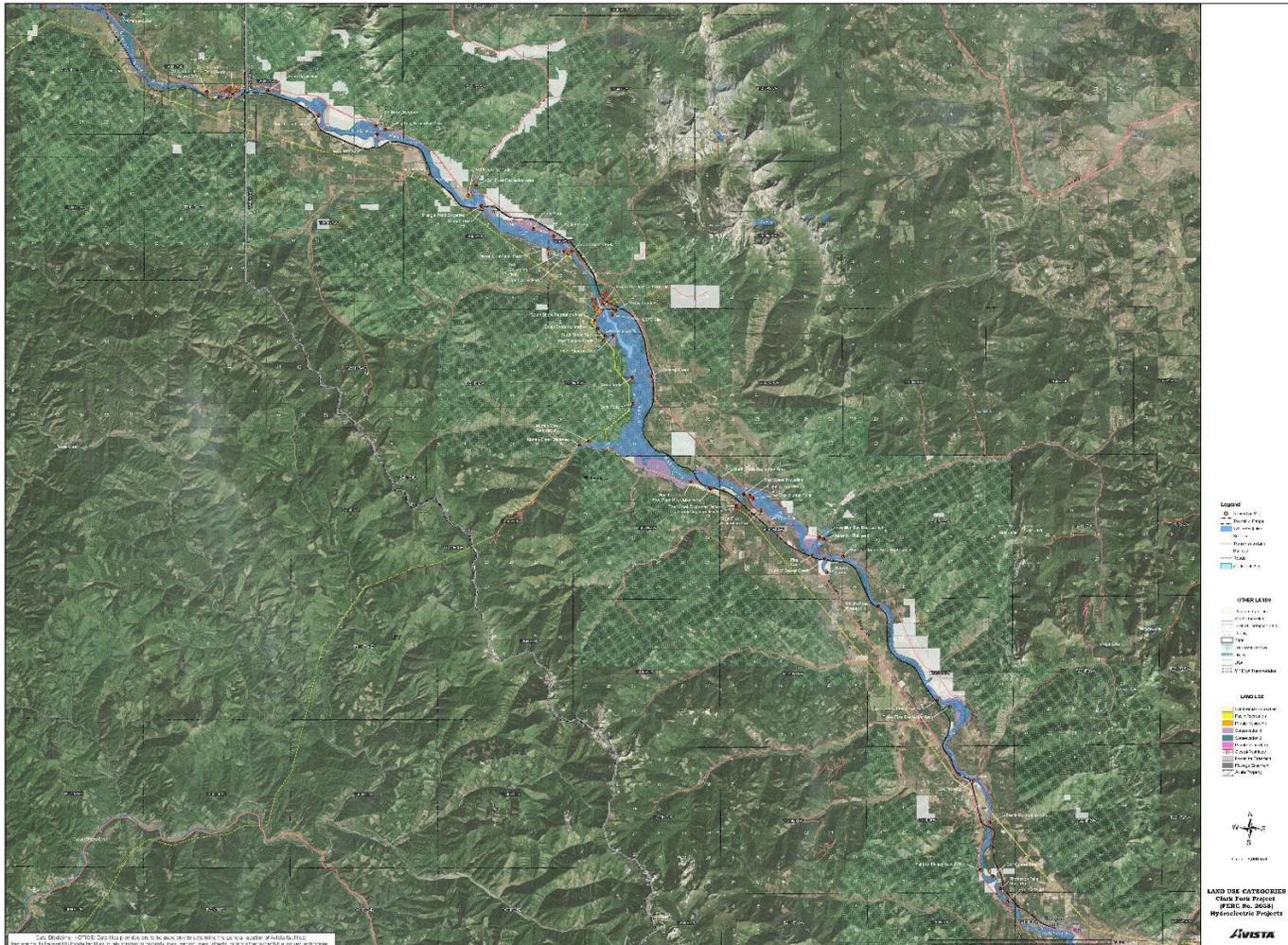
BIENNIAL RULE

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission adopts the following rules and regulations to govern recreational use within the designated Avista Recreation Management Area in Sanders County for the purpose of gaining hunting access and recreational privileges on private land, to prevent vehicular damage to soils and vegetation, and to avoid excessive disturbance to native wildlife including threatened and endangered species.

This Rule is effective from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

The designated area of the Avista Cooperative Recreation Management Area is depicted below:

Property boundaries are approximate. Detailed ownership information is available at the Sanders County Courthouse in Thompson Falls and the Avista Natural Resource Office in Noxon, MT.



Because the public enjoyment of the recreational facilities of these lands necessitates rules, regulations and enforcement, the provisions of 23-1-106 and 87-1-303 M.C.A. apply.

Driving:

- Motorized vehicles may only be driven in the above described area on established roads designated open for motorized travel, or in designated parking and camping areas as posted.
 - Landowners and/or their designee in the course of administrative work, and federal, state, and county officials in the course of their official duties will be exempt from these vehicular restrictions.

Discharge of Firearms:

- Target shooting and discharge of firearms is prohibited on Avista lands in all posted safety zones and on lands from June 1 through August 31, annually.

Camping/Day Use:

- Camping on Avista land is limited to 14 days during any 30-day period, with a 30-day limit per calendar year.
- Camping is allowed on all Avista lands unless it is posted "Day Use Only."
- No person may leave a campsite unattended overnight, nightly occupancy is required.

Natural & Heritage Resource Protection:

- No person may destroy, injure, pick up, remove or otherwise damage any natural structures or items on Avista lands. Persons cannot willfully or negligently cut or destroy any tree, shrub or plant without written approval by Avista or take, possess or damage any geological, historical, or archaeological feature.
- Any and all ground disturbance is prohibited on Avista lands

Food Storage/Litter:

- Visitors utilizing campsites and day use sites will keep their site clean, organized and free of litter and debris that may attract any wildlife. Feeding wildlife intentionally or unintentionally is prohibited.
- Waste & refuse disposal: litter, pollutants, or other refuse, including fish entrails must be disposed of off-site. Sewage waste from portable toilets or recreational vehicles may not be disposed of in vault toilets or on the ground; it must be disposed of at a proper handling facility.

Fires/Fireworks:

- Fires may be built only in established fireplaces, grills, steel fire rings, or camp stoves. Rock fire rings are prohibited.
- No person may leave a fire unattended; fires must be attended at all times.

The Following Avista Rules Apply

- Avista lands may not be used for any commercial or special use purposes without an Avista issued Special Use Permit.
- No firewood cutting is allowed (use of dead and downed wood for onsite camping is permitted).
Fireworks are not permitted anywhere on Avista lands.

Right to Deny Access

Avista or the Department reserve the right to deny access to Avista lands for cause including, but not limited to: intoxication, disorderly conduct, violation of land use rules, or previous misconduct on Avista lands. Willful violation of Avista land use rules that set the terms of entrance on Avista lands can be grounds for termination of privileges to use Avista lands and a misdemeanor citation under MCA 87-6-201 - violation of commission or department order or rule. A person who purposely, knowingly, or negligently violates an order or rule of the commission or department can be fined up to \$500.

STATEMENT OF LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE RULE

Section 23-1-106, MCA and section 87-1-303, MCA gives the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission authority to adopt and enforce rules governing uses of lands that it operates under agreement with or in conjunction with a private owner.

This rule was adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on _____, 2018.

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission, Chairman - Dan Vermillion _____