



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

THE **OUTSIDE** IS IN US ALL.

Meeting Date: February 13, 2020

Agenda Item: Marias River FAS Acquisition (R4)

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background: The proposed acquisition would create the first FWP Fishing Access Site on the Marias River. The property at the proposed site is owned by the Montana Department of Transportation and is about 1.15 acres in size and has parking for two or three vehicles. Hand-launch boat access is utilized at the current site. Preliminary conversation with MDT suggests that, if approved, a special-use permit could be obtained to create this fishing access site along the Marias River. Preliminary conversation with the adjacent landowner was favorable for acquisition of an FWP FAS. The proposed site is located at:

Lot 7 in the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 29 North, Range 6 East
Latitude 48.25915, Longitude -110.89219
18 miles south of Chester on Hwy 223

Public Involvement Process & Results: If endorsed by the commission, the department will begin its due diligence process that will include conducting an environmental assessment and public scoping.

Alternatives and Analysis: The commission could choose to endorse this proposal, and the department would pursue acquiring access and provide a FAS for public use. Conversely, the commission could choose to not endorse this proposal, and the department would not pursue an FAS at this location.

Proposed Motion:

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission authorize the department to pursue acquiring a Fishing Access Site on the Marias River in Liberty County on the property currently owned by MDT.

