Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Helena Wildlife Staff, Regional Supervisors and FWP Field Personnel with Wilderness Management Responsibilities

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SUBJECT: FWP Wilderness Reference Manual

Following you will find materials consolidated into the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Wilderness Reference Manual.

This document can be used to promote:

- consistency of management actions between FWP regions relative to our participation in the wilderness areas of the state,
- communication and cooperation between FWP and the respective federal land managing agencies
- reflection on FWP's role in fish/wildlife management in wilderness and how this may evolve in the future.

This manual provides:

- one document which incorporates the available materials relative to FWP's role in wilderness management
- a current review of FWP's guidelines and MOUs relative to fish and wildlife management within wilderness,
- general and specific information particular to lands with federal wilderness designation,
- list of reference materials.

Currently, FWP is seen as a leader in the arena of cooperative fish and wildlife management with respect to wilderness and the federal land managing agencies. We should be proud of this accomplishment and continue striving to better our management practices and reinforce our cooperative efforts. Towards this end, the FWP Wilderness Reference Manual will move us in a forward direction.

My thanks to those of you who continue to pursue cooperative ventures to advance fish and wildlife management consistent with the values associated with wilderness areas.