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Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed, you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to enter into a 5-year lease agreement with the current owners of a building adjacent to Travelers' Rest State Park and the 1.27 acres the building occupies. Leasing this building would allow FWP to create parks administrative offices in order to establish a local presence in the Bitterroot Valley and to oversee the day-to-day management of both Travelers' Rest and Fort Owen State Parks.

This draft EA is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library, and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Region 2 MFWP Headquarters or viewed on FWP's Internet website at http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices").

Comments on this draft EA must be received no later than 5:00 pm, May 12, 2009. Comments should be mailed to Lee Bastian, FWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804-3101 or emailed to lbastian@mt.gov. If you have questions, please contact Lee Bastian at 406-542-5500.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, by May 22nd, I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA. Based on the outcome of the Decision Notice, this project proposal would be presented to the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for final action at its regularly scheduled meeting in June.

Sincerely,

Lee Bastian

Lee Bastian
Regional Park Manager

Enclosure: Draft EA for Travelers' Rest State Park--Holt Building Lease