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Dear Interested Citizen:

The enclosed Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the Rainy Lake Fish Barrier Modification/Maintenance Project. FWP proposes to modify the tailwater elevation below the dam by approximately 1 foot and reinforce wing walls on the dam to help maintain dam integrity until plans for a new structure or major modifications to the existing structure are developed. The structure was constructed on the Clearwater River (north of Seeley Lake, Missoula County) in 1964.

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 Region 2 FWP Headquarters at the above address, or viewed on FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices").

Comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm on August 27, 2009, and should be mailed to Ladd Knotek at the address above (phone 406-542-5506) or emailed to lknotek@mt.gov. If you have questions, please contact Ladd Knotek.

Sincerely,

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