Appendix A. **S**ampling of the supportive comments and appropriate FWP response.

Comments: Electricity is a great need to update the campground. Please add electricity and finish paving.

Comments: Please Add Electric outlets + paved Camp Sites + this would Be a 5+. Thank you!!

Comments: Would liked to see park paved and power! Also garbage cans by dock!

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Comments: Please seriously consider putting electricity in this park There are alot of people that would use it.

Comments: Electricty would be great at the park
Todd Koster 542-0816

As Director of the Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau, I would like to comment on the proposed addition of electrical pedestals to Placid Lake, Salmon Lake and Beavertail Hill State Parks. From a tourism perspective this is an important and much needed improvement to our State Parks. Travel and tourism has changed immensely over just the last ten years. Although people are coming to Montana in order to get away, the largest demographic of travel, and the group that will only continue to grow and dominate the tourism industry, are baby boomers. They are a demographic that enjoys adventure and getting away from their busy lives, but also have expectations of a level of service no matter where they go. It is the beginning of the generations that are connected no matter where they are in the world, through cell phones and computers. Their idea of getting away has changed from tent camping to a fully equipped travel trailer. They want the amenities of home, away from home and because of this electricity in campgrounds is an expectation. State Parks is an integral partner in Montana's tourism industry – an industry that is being hit hard by our current economic crisis. People are looking for places to go that are affordable and family friendly and Montana fits perfectly into that scenario, but in truth so do many of the Rocky Mountain States. If Montana State Parks cannot, or will not, offer the same amenities that travelers can find in other State Parks across the West, they will not choose Montana. The two complaints that we hear in the visitor center from tourists about our State Parks is no electricity and no reservation system. The addition of the electrical pedestals at these State Parks will go a long way in the right direction toward alleviating one of these issues.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Visit was great The Parking In the Camping area could use Paving and flectric Though!

electricity would be great
Paving is wonderful –
especially for those
of us with Asthma

'a quite campground'? Ha! Unless it's off road there is no such thing. There
is no camping experience worse than being next to a generator, usually a loud
one because they're the cheapest, that the camper deems necessary to run air conditioners, tv, medical oxygen generators or even wheelchair lifts and that's a shame for state parks. An adamant YES for paving and electricity and
a fee would be a priviledge.

YES, yes yes, I am in favor of putting in electricity in our state parks. Electricity is less polluting , quieter, and safer than using generators. Our state parks should be for all citizens, not just those who don't want electricity. I don't see it as being in competition with private campgrounds but as an in-between accommodation, with commercial campgrounds also offering on site water and sewer.

I have traveled throughout the western states and our parks are pitiful next to other states. Twenty years ago Oregon state parks offered electricity and I noticed the "tenters" enjoying it too, using it for an electric shaver or blow dryer or a frying pan or lighting. For several years a choice has been made as to whether or not to pay a $4 yearly fee when paying vehicle taxes. I have chosen to pay the fee in the hopes that our state parks would be upgraded. I am totally in favor of your proposal and hope that you will begin with the parks currently under consideration and expand to include more. I would very much like to see our new Lincoln Ranch State Park become one of the electrified choices.

Paving is great @ day use
It cuts down on dust. Be
nice if camp ground was
paved. Electricity would be
great @ Campground. PJ
Hall

Comments:
Impressed w/ pavement and
please add electricity. Nice improvements

Pave campground and
add electricy, nice park
nice people

Comments:
Would be nice if Camp ground was paved. Boat launch ~~pay~~ paving was AWSOME. Also some hook ups for an RV would be nice.

Comments: would like to have the Camp ground paved + electrified

Comments: Love the paving. Would like to see electrical + paving in campground

Comments: PAVING + ELECTRICAL OUTLETS WOULD BE VERY NICE, WE ARE OLDER but ENJOY the outdoors - would BE NICE SO KIDS DON'T WORRY

Comments:
We approve the improvement of the camp ground c̄ blacktop + electric.

Dear FWP, I just thought I would let you know how great the newly paved parking area looks. It would be great if they would also pave the camping area. It would make parking more organized, easier on small cars and would create less pollution ~~from~~ in the air. It would also be nice if there were power hook ups for RV'S Andrea Kuehn Thank you

I support "Alternative B" as outlined in the EA. My only concern is the growing congestion on Salmon Lake and the safety of recreational users and wildlife. I suggest considering the following:

1.) Limit the number of daily boats and jet skis allowed on the lake during weekends or place rangers on the water to enforce boater safety. Boats and jet skis frequently create large wakes in the boat dock area making it unsafe to load and unload watercraft. Jet skis are probably the biggest abuser as they frequently buzz the dock and spray water on their friends. When the lake is heavily congested safe boating distances and right-of way dictated by state law are frequently ignored making the use of Salmon Lake unsafe. If a limit on boating was enforced, I think property owners around the lake should be given some deference.
2.) Extend a no-wake zone in the very south bay of Salmon Lake from the church camp to the Clearwater River. There are a lot of fisherman, canoes, kayaks, and wildlife (eagles, deer, foxes, etc.) frequenting this area and boats towing tubes or other objects create large waves causing bank erosion and noise pollution that affects wildlife.
3.) Increase the amount of toilets available around the lake. Under heavy use, people frequently find other places around the lake to "relieve" themselves other than the two bathrooms at the boat dock. Perhaps additional toilets should be installed on the south and north ends of the lake.
4.) Consider making some areas of the lake "special use" during high activity periods. For example, reserve the northeast end for waterskiing, northwest end for fishing and the south end for boats towing tubes or wakeboards (these uses create extremely large wakes). The middle could be used for general use and jet skis. If you created a no-wake zone as suggested in #2 above, this area of the lake could be reserved for fishermen, canoes, and kayakers.

Salmon Lake is a beautiful piece of Montana – let's keep it that way. Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on your improvement plans.

FWP Response: The four suggestions are outside the scope of this EA. However, we appreciate the concerns as outlined and will file for future management discussions.

I understand FWP is proposing improvements to Salmon lake campground which would include paving the interior and spurs and installing electrical hookups. This campground is beautiful and we have spent many years RV'ng there. However, we hate the dust generated by not having paved roads so in recent years we've been going elsewhere, i.e., Georgetown, Lochsa area, etc.

Having just returned from an RV trip to Washington and Oregon, Montana definitely needs to take a lesson from them on what our state parks should look like..... paved roads, sites, and electric hook-ups. What a difference it makes and it wasn't just RVers staying there, lots of tent campers too.

I encourage you to pave Salmon Lake and put in electrical hook-ups. You already have great restroom/shower facilities and these additional amenities would be a great addition. It's for sure we'd spend more time in that park.

I would be very supportive of the improvements at Salmon Lake Campground. We love camping there and always have a family gathering annually. We would be very supportive of the improvements to the road as well as hookups. Thanks.

I am **in favor of installing electricity pedestals** in State Park campgrounds. I believe electricity would be of benefit not only to those with RV's but to those who say they want a "quieter, natural like experience". I think if electricity was available there would virtually no noise from generators. I one is plugged into electricity there is no need to run a generator to re-charge batteries.

I have camped in Oregon State Parks (they have electricity) on numerous occasions and you just don't hear generators. We also camp at the BLM Campgrounds on Holter Lake and you can hear generators almost anytime.

I am willing to pay the extra $5 fee for electricity.

I also think there is no need to install street lights. Keep the dark night sky as much as possible.

AS far as the state competing with private facilities, there are no private facilities at many of the lakes and parks. I think it is almost a non-issue and certain Legislators make comments just to protect specific individuals at the expense of the vast majority of Montanans.

I understand that you are seeking public opinion on your proposal for improvements at Salmon Lake campground. My husband and I spend time there and we would **love** to see the campground paved!! During the hot summer months, it is always so dusty and dirty and we feel this would be a great improvement!!! We also think putting in electrical outlets would be a great idea to cut down on the generator noise and for those with no generators.

The Missoula City-County Health Department supports the proposed improvements to the Salmon Lake Campground including both the paving and electrical service portions of the project.

It is the position of the Health Department that the benefit of paving in protecting human health is somewhat understated in the EA. PM-10 particulate is generated in significant amounts from unpaved roads. PM-10 particulate is small enough to enter the lung airways when people, especially children, are breathing through their mouth. Inhaled particulate exposure is significant in this situation because children are often running, playing etc. at a campground.

Additionally, the EA does not note that deposition of dust onto the lake can be a significant source of turbidity and phosphorus. Paving will have a positive benefit in reducing deposition of dust onto the Lake.

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