Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2 FWP
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804
Phone 406-542-5500
June 29, 2010

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to acquire a 27,616-acre Wildlife Management Area northeast of Deer Lodge, in Powell County. The purpose of this proposal is to secure critical fish and wildlife habitat and to enhance compatible recreational opportunities and access for the public.

FWP will hold a public hearing in Deer Lodge on July 14 (Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. at the Deer Lodge Community Center (Cottonwood Street, north of the County Courthouse) to discuss the proposed acquisition and take public comment.

The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP at the address above; by phoning 406-542-5500; by emailing fwprg22@mt.gov; or beginning June 29, by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices").

Comments should be directed by: mail to FWP at the address above; phone to 406-542-5500; or email to SpottedDog@mt.gov. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2010.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition proposals, and the Commission will be asked to render its decision on this proposal at its August 5th meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners.

Sincerely,

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Regional Supervisor

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