Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2 Headquarters
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804-3101
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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 (MFWP) proposal to purchase via fee title the 180-acre, four-parcel, Milltown Park property from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), located near the town of Bonner in Missoula County, Montana. This initial step calls for the acquisition of the four TNC parcels near Bonner, the Blackfoot River, and the old Milltown Dam overlook by FWP. These TNC parcels are in addition to the 450+ acres of NorthWestern Energy land that are scheduled to come to FWP as the core of the Milltown State Park and would enhance the overall plans for the park.

This EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5500; by emailing fwprg22@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices," beginning no later than October 28).

A public meeting will be held on November 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bonner School Library. This meeting is co-sponsored with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and topics planned for discussion include status updates on the remediation, restoration, and redevelopment of the Milltown Dam area. At this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to have questions answered by FWP staff and to submit comments about the proposed Milltown Park acquisition.

Comments on the EA should be directed by: mail to FWP at the address above; phone to 406-542-5500; or email to MilltownPark@mt.gov. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 26, 2010. If you have questions, please contact me at 406-542-5517.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the public comment period.

Sincerely,

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Regional Parks Manager

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Enclosure: Draft EA for Proposed Land Acquisition--Milltown Park Parcels