Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to grant a permanent utility easement to Missoula Electric Cooperative, to replace an existing underground power-line cable and existing overhead power line with a single underground power-line cable through Russell Gates Memorial Fishing Access Site (FAS). This FAS is located in Missoula County, about 4 miles east of Clearwater Junction and just south of State Highway 200.

The Draft EA may be viewed on FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Public Notices") beginning October 16, 2013. The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP at the address above; by phoning 406-542-5561; or by emailing Rory Zarling at rzarling@mt.gov.

Comments may be made on FWP's website or may be directed to Rory Zarling at the mail, phone or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 14, 2013.

Please note that I expect to issue the Decision Notice (DN) for this EA soon after the end of the comment period. As referenced in § 87-1-209 (4), MCA, the FWP Director has the decision-making authority for this proposed action. The DN will summarize my recommendation to the Director relative to granting this proposed utility easement.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold
Regional Supervisor

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