Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 4
4600 Giant Spring Road
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Environmental Assessment Decision Notice:
Relocation of latrine at Brewery Flats Fishing Access Site

October 15, 2013

Proposal
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) propose to relocate the latrine at Brewery Flats Fishing Access Site to an adjacent location owned by the City of Lewistown because the latrine's current location is set in the floodplain. Every spring the creek floods causing the water level to reach near the roof of the unit. The unit is surrounded by gravel and does not have any native landscaping around it. The plan of action is to relocate the latrine 570 feet closer to the City of Lewistown's trail system. That location is already level and is all gravel.

Montana Environmental Policy Act Process (MEPA)
On October 15, 2013, FWP released a draft EA for the relocation of the latrine at Brewery Flats Fishing Access Site. The EA evaluated the potential impacts of the following alternatives:

Alternative A: No Action
If FWP does not remove the latrine from its current location, the latrine will be susceptible to annual flooding events that will require ongoing maintenance and repair by FWP staff during which the latrine will be closed to the public. Even though the septic tank for the latrine is completely enclosed, the long term damage to the unit may not meet acceptable sanitary conditions.

Preferred Alternative B: Proposed Action
Plan of action is to relocate the latrine to a new location 570 feet away that is not in the floodplain. It will still be close enough for fishing access site users to use the facility. The current location of the latrine is in the floodplain. Every spring the creek floods to high levels causing the latrine to be out of operation for the public.

Once the water levels decrease, FWP annually repairs the unit so that it is available to the public.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with Alternative B, the proposed action of moving the latrine from Brewery Flats Fishing Access Site to the City of Lewistown's property located 570 away.

I find there to be no significant impacts on human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that the Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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