Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for Construction of an Ice Skating Rink at Harry Horn Park

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Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to construct a seasonal ice-skating rink in the parking lot at the Harry Horn unit of Flathead Lake State Park. An ice rink at Harry Horn provides a safer alternative than skating on Flathead Lake. Since the only other developed public ice-skating opportunities are located in Kalispell and Whitefish, it would also be closer for residents of Bigfork and surrounding communities. Additionally, this action would further the Parks Division's Program Outcome to exceed visitor expectations and enhance their experiences at Montana state parks.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment, I find the construction of the temporary ice-skating rink to be the preferred alternative. I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final Environmental Assessment and the FONSI may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One, Kalispell, Montana. Please direct requests and questions to Jerry Sawyer, Park Operations Supervisor, (406) 751-4575 or e-mail to jsawyer@digisys.net.

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