Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2 Headquarters
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804
April 1, 2016

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to implement a site improvement project at its 31-acre Bearmouth Fishing Access Site (FAS), located along the upper Clark Fork River about 15 miles west of Drummond in Granite County. The FAS is just north of Interstate 90 at Bearmouth exit 138, and it consists of property divided north and south by the river, and west and east by Bearmouth Bridge. A small gravel parking area in the northeast portion is currently its only facility. FWP proposes to build a short gravel access road, 12-stall gravel vehicle and trailer parking area, combination gravel and concrete boat ramp, and concrete vault latrine in the southwest portion of the FAS, and upgrade and fence the existing (overflow) parking area in the northeast portion. The purpose would be to provide boat access to the river and safe off-highway parking, while increasing recreational opportunities at the FAS.

The Draft EA is also available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. A copy may be obtained by mailing Region 2 FWP (address above), phoning 406-542-5540, emailing shrose@mt.gov, or viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("News," then "Recent Public Notices," beginning April 1).

Comments on this draft EA and proposed project must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2016. Comments should be mailed to Sharon Rose at the address above or emailed to shrose@mt.gov. If you have questions, please contact Rory Zarling at 406-542-5561.

As part of the decision making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the public comment period.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold
Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure: Draft EA for Bearmouth FAS Improvement Project