Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2 Headquarters
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804
July 29, 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 enter into a renewable five-year lease with private landowner Monroe Property Company to continue public use of the Roundup and Three Stall fishing access sites on the Blackfoot River in Missoula County. The landowner would provide the land lease at no cost, allowing day-use river access and associated parking at both sites. FWP would provide management services characteristic of its Fishing Access Site (FAS) Program, including site maintenance, designation of vehicle parking areas, monitoring of public use, trash collection, signage, and enforcement of regulations.

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 July 29).

Comments on this draft EA and proposed project must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2016. Comments should be mailed to Sharon Rose at the address above or emailed to shrose@mt.gov. If you have questions, please contact Chrissy Oschell at 406-542-5562.

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. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land leases, and the Commission will be asked to render its decision on this proposal at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold
Regional Supervisor

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Encl: Blackfoot FASs Lease--Draft EA