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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to conduct forest management treatments on approximately 96 acres of forested land in 4 FWP Fishing Access Sites (FASs) along the Blackfoot River northeasterly from Bonner. The FASs are K. Ross Toole, Johnsrud Park, and Corrick's River Bend in Missoula County, and River Junction in Powell County. Treatment objectives include: removing hazard trees that pose a threat to public safety, property, and FAS improvements; improving tree resilience and resistance; reducing hazardous fuels in the wildland-urban interface; improving FAS aesthetics; and potentially generating income to offset treatment costs and add to FWP's forest management account.

The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("News," then "Recent Public Notices"). Comments may be made online on the EA webpage or may be directed by mail or email to the addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than September 6, 2019.

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP forest management projects, and FWP anticipates asking the Commission to render its decision for this proposal at its regularly scheduled October meeting.

Sincerely,

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