

Giles K. Place

***P. O. Box 27
Ulm, MT 59485-0027***

Phone: 406-866-3373

January 30, 2019

Little Muddy Creek FAS Perpetual Easement
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
P. O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to submit my objection to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks spending \$55,000 to purchase a perpetual easement to the Little Muddy Creek FAS location.

I believe that the \$55,000 could be better spent maintaining or improving FAS locations in other areas. The Little Muddy Creek FAS location should be closed permanently. It receives little usage from the public. There are plenty of other locations along this stretch of the Missouri River that provide for public access.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for taking public comments on this proposed unwise \$55,000 expenditure. Please stop wasting money and close the Little Muddy Creek FAS site permanently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Giles K. Place". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "P".

Giles K. Place

Lloyd E. Allee

**30 Old Ulm-Cascade Rd
Cascade, MT 59421**

January 30, 2019

Little Muddy Creek FAS Perpetual Easement
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
P. O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Sirs:

This letter is being sent to register my objection to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks spending any money whatsoever to purchase a perpetual easement to the Little Muddy Creek FAS.

The public already has access to the Missouri River in two locations between Cascade and Ulm. The Little Muddy Creek FAS does not get used very much and should never have had money spent on it initially. In the few years it has been in existence, it has already proven to be a dangerous FAS. With a state budget that needs trimming, it is important to utilize all funds efficiently and the elimination of the Little Muddy Creek FAS would be a good place to trim back a significant Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks expenditure.

Instead of spending \$55,000 as currently proposed on a perpetual easement, it would seem prudent to allocate those funds towards another game warden or by maintaining or upgrading other FAS locations. The Little Muddy Creek FAS needs to be closed.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this request to close the Little Muddy Creek FAS and discontinue any further Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks expenditures on it.

Respectfully,



Lloyd E. Allee

Kuser, Allan

From: Carol T. Place <tourdegreatfalls@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 10:02 PM
To: Kuser, Allan
Cc: Carol T. Place
Subject: Little Muddy Creek FAS Perpetual Easement/MT FWP Comment

Greetings~

After reading the January 19, 2019 *Great Falls Tribune* newspaper article, "*FWP set to buy access to Little Muddy Creek*", by Karl Puckett, *Great Falls Tribune/USA Today Network*, I felt compelled to submit a comment in opposition.

The newspaper article refers to the 22 acres as "a popular fishing access site". Since I am someone who lives within eyesight of this property and observe that it does not have very much usage in comparison to other Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MTFWP) sites, it behooves me to speak out against MTFWP spending \$55,000 to purchase permanent access and continuing to spend money to keep the property open to the public. The funds spent on the upkeep of that property could be better spent on other state-owned properties that receive more public usage.

Not only does the site have a small percentage of usage compared to other MTFWP-owned locations, but it also has undesirable users. As an example, one late dark night in June, 2017, our elderly (90+ years old) widowed neighbor who lives alone, phoned to advise that a guy had showed up at his door after dark on foot. It was easy to determine that the neighbor was scared as he reported the guy was without shoes, disheveled, and appeared confused and rather incoherent. The neighbor suggested to the stranger that he go back to the FAS to await his friends and he finally left. However, the individual returned a little while later and kept banging harshly on the door. This was very frightening to our neighbor; thus, I advised the neighbor to not answer the door and to call 911, which he did. Fortunately, a sheriff arrived after several minutes and took the guy into custody. Naturally, the elderly neighbor was upset and really scared over the whole episode, which probably would never have happened if the FAS had never been placed at Little Muddy Creek.

Naturally, I and my neighbors are always concerned about fires being started at the Little Muddy Creek FAS. With the high velocity winds that regularly occur in this vicinity and the closest volunteer fire department being about six miles away, there could be disastrous destruction of homes, crops, pastures, trees, etc. Since our elderly neighbor is in poor health and no longer drives a vehicle, he probably would perish in such a fire. That is a huge worry.

With all the miles of the wonderful Missouri River in this beautiful state, it is doubtful that there are very many FAS sites located every approximate six miles as currently exists between Cascade and Ulm. With the FAS sites on the north end of Cascade and the Dunes south of Ulm, those two locations should provide river users with more access to the river than the vast majority of the remainder of the Missouri River in Montana. Thus the Little Muddy Creek FAS should be closed.

MTFWP appears to be unable to properly maintain it's currently owned or leased properties without requesting additional funding for it's huge budget. Those additional funds requests, whether directed through the Legislature, raising fees for licenses, or other sources, seem to continually spiral upward. It seems to me that it is time for MTFWP to manage their resources more efficiently and effectively. There appears to be insufficient wardens in the field and it seems like common sense to spend more money on human resources than to spend money on acquiring responsibility for additional land or FAS sites.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this subject. Please, MTFWP, do not purchase permanent access to the Little Muddy Creek FAS. Please use that \$55,000 to hire another warden or to take care of other FAS sites.

Respectfully,

Carol T. Place

108 Old Ulm Cascade Road



Protecting Montana's wildlife,
land, waters and hunting & fishing
heritage for future generations.

4 February 2019

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site Proposed Easement

To whom it may concern,

The Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF) is Montana's oldest wildlife conservation organization. We were formed in 1936 when a diverse group of Montana saw a need to speak up for wildlife. For over eight decades we have worked to ensure abundant wildlife, healthy habitat on public and private lands, and public access to enjoy our public fish and wildlife resources

MWF strongly supports the purchase of the 22 acres that comprise the Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site Easement. This easement would provide Montanans with improved public access to quality fishing opportunities and aquatic recreation. This purchase is a fiscally responsible decision for the department, reducing the overall amount that Montanans will pay for renting the access to this spot through this one-time easement purchase. As time progresses, projects, such as this, will become increasingly rare and we should take advantage of this opportunity to improve and provide outdoor recreation opportunities in perpetuity.

MWF commends the commitment of all those who have labored to make this project a reality. We understand the tremendous work and patience that goes into putting together a project such as this. That's why we fully support the completion of this project that will have lasting benefits for future generations.

Sincerely,

Marcus Strange
Central Montana Field Representative
Montana Wildlife Federation

Kuser, Allan

From: otisranch@wispwest.net
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 8:34 AM
To: Kuser, Allan
Subject: Public Comment: Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site Proposed Easement

Dear Fish Wildlife & Parks Commission,

I support the purchase of the perpetual easement from the DNRC for the Muddy Creek FAS. It probably cost the DNRC and the FWP more each ten years in paper work, then the easement cost, so it only makes sense to do the perpetual easement.

Thank you

Bert Otis

This e-mail was generated from the 'Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site Proposed Easement' Public Notice Web Page.

Robinson, Victoria

From: Kuser, Allan
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Robinson, Victoria
Subject: FW: Little Muddy Creek FAS Perpetual Easement

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Another comment

From: Larry Lewis [mailto:larrywyobiz@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 9:18 AM
To: Kuser, Allan <akuser@mt.gov>
Subject: Little Muddy Creek FAS Perpetual Easement

Please count me in as a supporter of permanent access for Little Muddy Creek FAS

DNRC really should consider the value of sportsman's dollars as they look at the best use of state lands.

thanks for the opportunity to comment

Larry Lewis
1 19th Ave South
Great Falls 59405

Cheryl S. W. Hutchinson

17 Hardy Creek Lane Cascade, Montana 59421 406/468-2730

30 January 2019

Little Muddy Creek FAS Perpetual Easement
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
P.O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Staff:

Through the January 24, 2019 issue of the *Cascade Courier*, only recently did I become aware of Montanans' opportunity to expand and improve the Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site and that public comment is invited on the state's proposal for a perpetual easement there.

I favor such action and am writing specifically to draw to your attention the potential for significant interpretative signage relating to the National Lewis and Clark Trail at that location. Should you wish to pursue pertinent information about the Corps of Discovery's 1805 activity in that vicinity, I would be pleased to provide it.

By way of introduction, I am the local resident who in 2000 prevented the Montana Department of Transportation from selling as "surplus property" what became Tower Rock State Park. Although Tower Rock has never been properly treated, I continue to press for appropriate sharing of the long-neglected L&C historical story between Great Falls and Helena.

Sincerely,

Cheryl S. Hutchinson

CC: Portage Route Chapter, LCTHF
Jane Weber, Cascade County Commissioner

Kuser, Allan

From: knowlesMontana@Juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:34 PM
To: Kuser, Allan
Subject: Public Comment: Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site Proposed Easement

This is a great opportunity for the recreationalists of North Central Montana to make sure that **they can access the Sun River**. It is far better to have 100 points of entry for recreation than just one. The true Montana recreation experience is to be able to enter an area and feel like you are the only one discovering this piece of Big Sky Country. More access is always better than less. Randy Knowles

This e-mail was generated from the 'Little Muddy Creek Fishing Access Site Proposed Easement' Public Notice Web Page.

Kuser, Allan

From: Kuser, Allan
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:48 AM
To: 'tatonkaterra@yahoo.com'
Cc: Robinson, Victoria
Subject: RE: Little Muddy

Hi Terri,

At this time we are only proposing an administrative action to convert our current lease with DNRC to a perpetual easement. I'm afraid that nothing we are proposing in this EA is going to physically change the situation at the Little Muddy Creek FAS. Due to the geographical features of this particular access site it is suitable for hand launching small water craft e.g. rafts, kayaks and canoes or wade fishing.

Allan Kuser

Fishing Access Program Coordinator
[Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks](#)

P.O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701
Ph: (406) 444-7885



THE OUTSIDE IS IN US ALL.



From: terri mills [mailto:tatonkaterra@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2019 8:27 AM
To: Kuser, Allan <akuser@mt.gov>
Subject: Little Muddy

Will jet boats be able to use the access.... Boats needing to land up with a trailer?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)