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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

**Poindexter Fishing Access Site-
Lohman Land Donation**

**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region Three, Bozeman**

February 7, 2022

Proposed Action

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks proposes the action would serve to expand the Poindexter FAS and minimize public confusion by including the property in the Poindexter FAS.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, the proposed project was made available to the standard distribution list for 15 days beginning Sept 17, 2021.

Summary of Public Comment

FWP received three (3) comments pertaining the project during the 30-day public comment period. These comments were in support of Alternative B, the proposed alternative stating...

...I fully support the expansion of the Poindexter Slough FAS...

...(FWP) Should accept the donation without question... a great offer and there's no reason to turn it down...the FAS needs more room, as well...

... I support the Lohman Land Donation adjoining the Poindexter FAS. Please thank the Lohman's for thinking of the public and donating this to them...

... this project has intrinsic benefit to this popular FAS, securing long term public access to a world class fishery, and resolving confusion...

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the proposed action as described in the Poindexter Fishing Access Site- Lohman Land Donation. This alternative will greatly improve the public experience and enhance access to this very popular stretch of the Beaverhead River.

Appeal

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director (Hank Worsch, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701) in writing and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP may address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please contact Jay Pape, Fishing Access Site Manager, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 1400 S 19th Ave, Bozeman, MT 59718, 406-577-7873.



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