

FISCAL SUMMARY

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	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$721,711	\$332,864	\$332,864	\$332,864
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact: (In a few short sentences, describe.)

The Madison River Work Group recommendations to the Commission include adding a new “Montana River Use Permit”, establishes a number of trips allowed per commercial outfitter, institutes an appeals process for trip allocation, allows the fluid transfer of trips between permit holders and institutes a requirement for adaptive management reviews. It also includes recommendations for managing non-commercial use by increasing data collection, requiring a float permit and requiring the development of a comprehensive recreation plan that addresses all recreation on the Madison.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- I.2. Institute a new Montana River Use Permit (RUP) – This essentially doubles the administrative responsibility by adding an additional permit to the current permit holders. It is assumed that 0.50 Recreation Technician FTE will be needed to complete this. There is also a technology cost of approximately \$40,000 for the development of the application workflow process.
- I.5. This recommendation includes an adaptive management review to monitor any changes in use to determine peak season and geographical limit information. It is assumed that 0.25 Recreation Technician FTE will be needed to accomplish this. If geographical limitations are implemented, it would cost roughly \$25,000 for the creation of digital and printed maps.
- I.6. This recommendation establishes a limited appeals process for the initial allocation of RUP trips. It is assumed that 0.20 Recreation Technician FTE will be needed for the collection of information and recommendations to the Commission. The cost to create an electronic workflow for the appeal process is estimated at \$40,000.
- I.7. This recommendation allows for the donation of trips to a qualified charitable organization. It is assumed that 0.15 Recreation Technician FTE will be needed to verify qualifications, no money exchange took place, and the provider did not exceed the maximum allowable trips.

- I.8. This recommendation provides for the fluid transferability of allocated trips between permit holders. It is assumed that 0.50 Recreation Technician would be required to complete the necessary administration of this process if an electronic solution is created similar to NHCU. The cost to develop this system is estimated at \$187,500. It is also assumed that 0.50 River Ranger FTE will be necessary for compliance with the transfer of trips. This includes real time verification that the process was done in compliance with the recommendations and rules of the program.
- I.9. This recommendation suggests the reallocation of trips if a provider doesn't use at least 50% of their allocated trips over a 3-year period or their permits expire. It is assumed that 0.25 Recreation Technician FTE will be necessary to maintain tracking and administration of this process.
- I.10. This recommendation establishes an Adaptive Management Review of the program annually for the first 3 years and then every 3 years moving forward. This review can be conducted by the Commission, or a work group appointed by the Commission. It is assumed that 0.25 Recreation Technician is necessary to gather and compile all of the information necessary for this review process. It is also assumed that there will be an estimated fiscal impact to the Technology Services Division of roughly \$30,000 to mirror the data collected for a similar review of the Lower Yellowstone.
- II.1. This recommendation initiates a passive monitoring river use data collection system summary. It is assumed that 0.50 River Ranger FTE will be necessary to gather user counts at multiple locations and provide this information for a management plan. It is also assumed that a portion of this work could be done by motion camera that can be viewed from the cloud or computer. The estimated cost for these cameras is \$15,000.
- II.2. This recommendation requires a non-commercial Madison River float permit. This permit shall be required daily for river users that plan to float in order to aid in collecting data on river use and to provide a tool for future recreation management options. Licensing can create this permit with current staff; however, 1.00 River Ranger FTE will be necessary for compliance. This includes verification of the max 20 individuals per permit, dates of recreation on permits, trip leaders, and exemption for commercial users.
- II.3. This recommendation requires the development of a Madison River Recreation Management Plan Summary. It is assumed that 0.25 Recreation Technician FTE would be necessary to collect, track and compile all of the necessary data for this summary.
- II.5. This recommendation requires a permit for Madison River commercial watercraft rental deliveries. Licensing can create this permit with current staff. It is assumed that 0.15 Recreation Technician FTE is necessary to gather, track and report all activity required for this permit and 0.50 River Ranger FTE is necessary to maintain compliance with the program. It is also assumed that a similar electronic workflow will be necessary for this new system to help with compliance and tracking. The estimated cost for this is \$40,000.

Below is a table for the FTE Calculation:

FY	Working Title	Pay Rate	Hours	FTE	Salary	Benefits	Health Insurance	Total
2024	Rec Technician	\$16.12	5200	2.50	\$83,828.00	\$15,684.22	\$31,620.00	\$131,132.22
2024	River Ranger	\$25.95	5200	2.50	\$134,958.49	\$25,250.73	\$31,620.00	\$191,829.22
				5.00	\$218,786.49	\$40,934.95	\$63,240.00	\$322,961.44
2025	Rec Technician	\$16.12	5220	2.50	\$84,150.42	\$15,803.45	\$31,620.00	\$131,573.86
2025	River Ranger	\$25.95	5220	2.50	\$135,477.56	\$25,442.69	\$31,620.00	\$192,540.25
				5.00	\$219,627.98	\$41,246.13	\$63,240.00	\$324,114.11

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$322,961	\$324,114	\$324,114	\$324,114
Operating Expenses	\$398,750	\$8,750	\$8,750	\$8,750
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$721,711</u>	<u>\$332,864</u>	<u>\$332,864</u>	<u>\$332,864</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$721,711	\$332,864	\$332,864	\$332,864
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$721,711</u>	<u>\$332,864</u>	<u>\$332,864</u>	<u>\$332,864</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$721,711)	(\$332,864)	(\$332,864)	(\$332,864)
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Long-Term Impacts:

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Technical Notes:

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