

FUTURE FISHERIES PROJECT RANKING SUMMER 2023 FUNDING CYCLE

Montana ARM Rule 12.7.1203

(1) Eligible projects that have been approved by the review panel will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a committee that includes at least two department personnel with a background in fishery biology and an understanding of the habitat requirements of fish and one member of the review panel.

The Committee's ranking of the Future Fisheries Projects approved for funding by the Citizen Review Panel during the Summer 2023 funding cycle are as follows:

Summer 2023 Future Fisheries Applications - Final Scores				
Project #	Project Name	Program cost (\$)	Total Points	REVIEW Rank
013-2023	Browns Gulch fish screens	\$45,390.00	252	1
016-2023	Middle Fork Rock Creek fish passage reconnection	\$50,000.00	250	2
017-2023	Mount Haggin culvert removal and replacement	\$29,788.50	248	3
014-2023	Chicken Creek fish screen	\$25,965.00	240	4
019-2023	SF NF Divide Creek fish passage	\$45,000.00	225	5
012-2023	Brackett Creek streambank restoration	\$85,115.00	218	6
018-2023	Musselshell River Rowton bank restoration	\$118,461.00	218	6
015-2023	Grasshopper Creek mine tailings bank stabilization	\$27,765.00	190	8

Rankings are based on: 1) benefits to native fish; 2) public benefits; 3) importance of the waterbody; 4) long-term effectiveness; 5) benefits relative to cost; and 6) cost share. **The ranking committee and Citizen Review Panel recommends that all prioritized projects receive final funding approval according to the Program cost (above).**