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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
Statement of Support — Siskin Island Fishing Access Site Acquisition
Fish and Wildlife Commission — June 12, 2026

The Montana Outfitters & Guides Association supports FWP's recommendation that the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the acquisition of the 82-acre Siskin Island complex on the upper Yellowstone River for the creation of a new Fishing Access Site.

Public fishing access on Montana's rivers is a cornerstone of our outdoor heritage. The upper Yellowstone through Paradise Valley is one of the finest trout fisheries in the West, and expanding permanent public access on this stretch of river, at virtually no cost to the state is exactly the kind of investment that conserves Montana's fishing traditions for future generations.

The habitat values associated with this acquisition, including high-quality trout spawning and rearing habitat, further ensure the long-term health of the fishery that makes this stretch of the Yellowstone so special.

MOGA encourages the Commission to approve this proposal.

Will Israel, Executive Director
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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the proposal to accept the donation of the 82-acre Siskin Island complex on the upper Yellowstone River for the creation of a new FAS.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I support FWP accepting this donation of land to be used as a fishing access site.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I am in support of FWP accepting this property and offering hunting opportunities on the northern portion as proposed.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I am in favor of the Siskin Island FAS with a couple of caveats-
I feel that hunting along with general use is a bad combination for this small of an area. Hunters will primarily be hiking in and campers will be floating in. Birders, explorers will be in a mixed use area. While most Montana residents are mindful when shooting, others are not! Please do not allow hunting on the island.
Secondly, enforcement presence will need to be high as this is a popular stop , often with large groups, fires and litter.
Education and enforcement will be necessary.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Contact information

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

Chair Robinson, Commissioners -

On behalf of the Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF), Montana's oldest and largest hunter and angler-based conservation group, please accept these comments in strong support of the Siskin Island FAS Acquisition.

Home to important high-quality spawning and rearing habitat for many fish species in the Yellowstone River, this 82-acre island boasts incredible wildlife values for such a relatively small parcel of land. Adding the waterfowl and terrestrial wildlife habitat and corresponding hunting and fishing opportunities, this property offers great value; this is especially true since the property is set to be donated, with FWP only covering the closing costs, an estimated \$2,000.

We thank the Trust for Public Land for conveying this property to FWP, ensuring it remains properly managed and publicly accessible now and in the future.

We fully support the proposed action, and encourage the Commission to accept this 82-acre donation to create a new FAS.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kevin Farron, Conservation Director, Montana Wildlife Federation

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I support Alternative 2: the Proposed Action

Under the Proposed Action, FWP would accept the donation of 82 acres of land from TPL on the Yellowstone River and manage it as an FAS Please THANK TPL for thinking of the benefits to the public with this donation. Bert Otis

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I strongly support the acquisition of this site in the Yellowstone River. With increasing recreational use, the upper Yellowstone could use additional public access and facilities. Please go ahead with this acquisition.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I am very glad to see MTFWP willing to take this donation and open the islands to the public. I would like to see this property opened to all hunting activities including the hunting of big game with rifles.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I fully support more river access for recreaters on this river. Opportunities like this are rare to come by and fwp should always take these when they come up. I wish there were more opportunities like this on the lower yellowstone where there are legitimate access deserts. My only comment would be if a 3rd campsite option could be added as i think this site will be very busy.

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

How wonderful!!!! Yes!!!! More access is crucial. I'm a Montana native and more areas are being locked up. Many many acres of our land is unaccessible because of selfie and owners and ineffective public officials

Q3

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

Dear Commission - Please accept our comments in favor of the Siskin Island Acquisition on behalf of Montana Freshwater Partners.
Sincerely, Wendy Weaver

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MFP Siskin Island Support 052026.pdf (74KB)

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

Please see the attached Siskin Island FAS comment submitted on behalf of Park County Environmental Council.

Thank you

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PCEC Comment Siskin Island FWP Commission 05.20.26.pdf (558.3KB)

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Siskin Island FAS

I support fwp to accept this generous donation to the people of montana.

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

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