

## FUTURE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION WINTER 2025 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 Winter 2025 funding cycle are as follows:

Winter 2025 Future Fisheries Applications - Ranking scores					
FINAL SCORES			FINAL		
Project #	Project Name	Program cost (\$)	REVIEW Adjusted score (of 100)	Total Points (of 300)	REVIEW Rank
004-2025	Lolo Creek Tenant Meanders	\$60,000.00	90.0	270	1
002-2025	Clearwater River fish passage	\$48,000.00	86.7	260	2
010-2025	Tolan Creek Meadow Restoration	\$6,885.00	83.7	251	3
006-2025	Nevada Creek Restoration Phase 8	\$113,700.00	83.0	249	4
003-2025	Lee Creek Fish Passage	\$50,000.00	82.0	246	5
009-2025	Tenmile Creek Bridge	\$22,120.00	77.3	232	6
008-2025	Ranch Creek Gratton Fish Passage	\$60,000.00	74.7	224	7
007-2025	Poorman Creek Restoration Phase 3	\$33,000.00	72.7	218	8
005-2025	Mill Creek Phase 2 - 5 bar 6	\$60,000.00	72.3	217	9
001-2025	Blacktail Creek Restoration	\$30,000.00	69.3	208	10

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).**