



# MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Bozeman, MT 59718-5496

October 27, 2021

To: FWP Region 3 EA Standard Distribution List  
Adjacent Landowners

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared for the proposed site improvements to the Henneberry Fishing Access Site on the Beaverhead River. This area has a long history as popular river access for local and visiting anglers. Additional development of this site will provide improved recreational opportunities for fishing, boating, floating by providing additional parking and improved boat access.

Based on the Amended Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the proposed action as described in the Amended Henneberry Fishing Access Site Proposed Improvements Draft Environmental Assessment. This alternative addresses the impacts and improvements directly related to the Henneberry FAS.

Questions regarding this Decision Notice should be directed to:

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Fishing Access Site Manager  
1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
406-577-7873  
Or emailed to: [JPape@mt.gov](mailto:JPape@mt.gov)

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Marina Yoshioka  
Region Three Supervisor



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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

### AMENDED HENNEBERRY FISHING ACCESS SITE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Region Three, Bozeman

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#### **Proposed Action**

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks proposes to construct additional parking facilities, improve boat launch facilities, and improve the handicap accessibility at Henneberry Fishing Access Site (FAS) in order to accommodate the increasing popularity and use of the site.

#### **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 one (1) comment of the project during the 15-day public comment period. The comment was in support of Alternative A, the propose alternative stating...

*"this looks like a very worthwhile project for the public. With only minor impacts, (mostly positive) I see no reason not to approve this project."*

#### **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 Amended Henneberry Fishing Access Site Proposed Improvements Draft Environmental Assessment. This alternative will greatly improve the public experience and enhance access to this very popular stretch of the Beaverhead River.

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### Appeal

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director (Martha Williams, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bozeman, MT 59718, 406-577-7873.



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