

DECISION NOTICE
Deadman's Basin FAS Road Project
Prepared by Region 5, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
May 11, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to build a road segment to replace an existing road segment that is beginning to erode into Deadman's Basin.

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) PROCESS

The proposal has been analyzed in an Environmental Assessment (EA) to satisfy the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). FWP is required to assess the impacts of the proposed action to the human and natural environment as directed by MEPA. Under the MEPA process, a 30-day public comment period ran from April 8, 2021 to May 10, 2021. Notice was published twice in the Times-Clarion, Harlowton, Billings Gazette, Helena Independent Record, sent to the Region 5 public information contact list, and was posted on the MTFWP web pages along with a statewide news release. The story was printed April 12th in the Billings Gazette and the project was provided as an FWP update to the Musselshell Water Coalition meeting on April 13th, 2021

ISSUES RAISED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

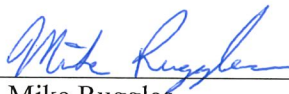
No issues were raised during the comment period.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received from the public. Montana DNRC provided input for reclamation of the segment of road to be abandoned.

DECISION

After review of this proposal and with input from MTDNRC, it is my decision to accept alternative A to complete the road reconstruction and maintain current access to all campsites and one-way traffic pattern.



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