



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

**Draft
Environmental Assessment
Checklist**

**Poindexter Fishing Access Site-
Lohman Land Donation**

January 4, 2022

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PART 1 - PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Type of proposed state action: Expanding the Poindexter Fishing Access Site (FAS) by accepting the donation of .693 acres from the adjacent landowner, Evelyn Lohman.

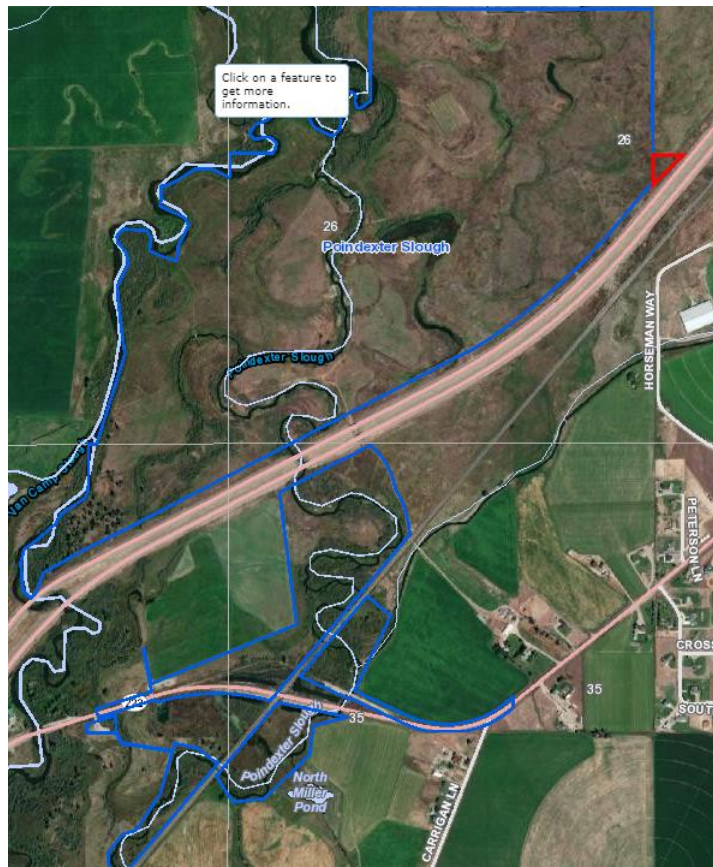
Agency authority for the proposed action: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

Anticipated Schedule

- Estimated Construction Commencement Date: n/a
- Estimated Completion Date: June 2022
- Current Status of Project Design: 50% complete

Location Affected by the Proposed Action

Northeast portion of the Poindexter FAS just northwest of I-15, Beaverhead County, T7S/R9W. The existing boundary of the FAS is shown in Blue. The .693 acre addition is shown in red.



Project Size

Land Type	Acres	Land Type	Acres
Residential	0	Productive Land	0
Industrial/Shop	0	Irrigate Crop Land	0
Open Space, Woodlands, Recreation	< 1	Forests	0
Wetlands/Riparian Areas	0	Rangeland	0
Flood Plain	0	Other	n/a

Permits

Issuing Agency	Permit Name/Number
None required	n/a

Funding

Agency Name	Amount
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks	n/a

Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities

Agency Name	Type of Responsibility
None	n/a

Narrative Summary of the Proposed Action

Accepting this land donation would expand the Poindexter Fishing Access Site (FAS) and provide a more logical property boundary. The donated property is currently isolated by I-15 and of no reasonable value to the current landowner.

Description and Analysis of Reasonable Alternatives

- Alternative A: No Action**

No action would result in a leaving a small isolated parcel of property that is of no value to the current landowner and not accessible by the public.

- Alternative B: Proposed Action.**

The proposed action would serve to expand the Poindexter FAS and minimize public confusion by including the property in the Poindexter FAS

PART 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

Evaluation of the impacts of the Proposed Action including secondary and cumulative impacts on the Physical and Human Environment.

Physical Environment

Will the Proposed Action result in potential impacts to:

	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Provided
1- Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				X		
2- Air quality, objectionable odors				X		
3- Water quality, quantity & distribution (surface or groundwater)				X		
4- Existing water right or reservation				X		
5- Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				X		
6- Unique, endangered or fragile vegetative species				X		
7- Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats				X		
8- Unique, endangered or fragile fish or wildlife				X		
9- Introduction of new species to area				X		
10- Changes to abundance or movement of species				X		

Comments: None

Human Environment

Will the Proposed Action result in potential impacts to:

	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Provided
1- Noise and/or electrical effects				X		
2- Land use				X		
3- Risk and/or health hazards				X		
4- Community impact				X		
5- Public services/taxes/utilities				X		
6- Potential revenue and/or project maintenance costs			X			
7- Aesthetics and recreation				X		
8- Cultural and historic resources				X		
9- Evaluation of significance				X		
10- Generate public controversy				X		

Comments

#6- No revenue will be generated. Future maintenance expenses incurred will be related to one-time boundary fence adjustments. Additional weed control will be minor due to the small size of the parcel and the proximity of ongoing efforts.

#7- The aesthetic of the donated parcel will be congruent with the existing area.

PART 3 - NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT

Accepting the Lohman property donation presents FWP with a cooperative opportunity to expand the Poindexter FAS and increase the total acreage of public lands available to hunters and anglers.

PART 4 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Involvement- The public will be notified in the following manners to comment on this current EA, the proposed action and alternatives:

- Two public notices in each of these papers: Local paper, Helena IR
- One statewide press release (if applicable);
- Public notice on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks web page: <http://fwp.mt.gov>.

Copies of this environmental assessment will be distributed to the neighboring landowners and interested parties to ensure their knowledge of the proposed project.

This level of public notice and participation is appropriate for a project of this scope having limited impacts, many of which can be mitigated.

Duration of Comment Period- The public comment period will extend for (30) thirty days following the publication of the second legal notice in area newspapers. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Mountain time, February 3, 2022, and can be mailed or emailed to the address provided below.

PART 5 - EA PREPARATION

Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? No

The Checklist EA is the appropriate level of analysis based on MEPA standards for small capital improvements with minimal to no impacts on the Physical or Human environment.

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