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To: FWP Region 3 EA Standard Distribution List

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared for Lost Creek State Park, which is a popular recreational site and provides quality recreational opportunities for camping, hiking and wildlife viewing. The Park is located off Highway 273, approximately 9 miles from Anaconda, MT, and adjacent to the Deerlodge National Forest.

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, the Department will proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, as described in the Lost Creek State Park Site Improvement Projects Draft Environmental Assessment. The above alternative addresses the impacts and improvements to Lost Creek State Park.

Questions regarding this Decision Notice should be directed to:

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Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

LOST CREEK STATE PARK SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 3, Bozeman

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Proposed Action

The Proposed Action as stated in Alternative B is for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to move forward with the new trail construction, camp pad improvements, and small parking area for Lost Creek State Park.

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, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on March 30, 2022.

Summary of Public Comment

FWP received a total of two (2) comments regarding the proposed action during the 30-day public comment period.

Comments on the proposed project.

One comment expressed support for the project, stating: "Anaconda is proud to have this beautiful State Park", and was in favor of the renovation work. The other comment was in favor of the improvements, but suggested FWP will need to monitor the resource for possible additional impacts due to increased access.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, the Department will proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, as described in the Lost Creek State Park Site Improvement Projects Draft Environmental Assessment. This alternative will provide access to additional recreational opportunities and improve the camping experience at Lost Creek State Park.

Marina Yoshioka

Region 3 Supervisor