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Region 3 Headquarters 1400 South 19th Street Bozeman, MT 59718

May 23, 2022

Dear Interested Party,

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment on the enclosed environmental assessment (EA) for a proposed project to conserve native Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the upper Shields River watershed within the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The project area is a stronghold for a core, conservation population of Yellowstone cutthroat trout at high elevation at the northernmost extent of its range. Brook trout invaded the project area in the 2000s, and brook trout are a primary threat to headwater populations of Yellowstone cutthroat trout.

Additional copies of the draft EA are available at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 3 Headquarters and on our website at fwp.mt.gov. A 30-day comment period will begin May 23, 2022, and end June 23, 2022. Written comment should be delivered to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
R-3 Fisheries
Upper Shields River Yellowstone cutthroat trout conservation
1400 South 19th Street
Bozeman, MT 59718

Email comments to comment fwprg3@mt.gov.

Thank you for your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,

Marina Yoshioka

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