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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks 4600 Giant Springs Road Great Falls, MT 59405

January 11, 2022

Dear Interested Party:

The enclosed draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for public review regarding a proposal to construct a concrete fish barrier in Carpenter Creek near Neihart, MT. Construction of a concrete fish barrier in Carpenter Creek would protect a nonhybridized westslope cutthroat trout population from competition and hybridization by preventing the upstream movement of nonnative trout.

Additional copies of the draft EA are available at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Great Falls or the draft EA is also available on the FWP website at http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/. A public review and comment period will be available January 11 – February 10, 2022. Written comment should be delivered to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks R-4 Fisheries Carpenter Creek Westslope Cutthroat Trout Conservation 4600 Giant Springs Rd Great Falls, MT 59405

Email: fwpr4publiccom@mt.gov

Thank you for your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,

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