



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

February 14, 2022

Dear Interested Party:

The enclosed draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for public review regarding a proposal to mechanically remove nonnative Yellowstone cutthroat trout from Big Camas Creek near White Sulphur Springs, MT by trap net and backpack electrofishing. Presently, Yellowstone cutthroat trout persist at low densities within the project area. The proposed project seeks to mechanically remove Yellowstone cutthroat trout from Big Camas Creek above Camas Lake for an approximate two-week period during the spring spawning season. Removal of Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Big Camas Creek would protect the native westslope cutthroat trout population from competition and minimize the extent of future hybridization.

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 February 14 – March 16, 2022. Written comment should be delivered to the following address:

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Big Camas Creek Westslope Cutthroat Trout Conservation  
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Thank you for your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,

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