



DECISION NOTICE FOR: Fathead Minnow stocking in Baker Lake Upper Settling Pond,
46.35532 -104.25968.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

Complete a hatchery stocking of up to 5,000 Fathead Minnows, 1-3 inches long from Miles City Fish Hatchery. The Baker lake Upper Settling Pond is used by Fallon County to collect water and filter sediment. Fallon County uses the stored water to augment the water level in Baker Lake. It is our intention with this stocking to seed Fathead minnows into the pond so that they multiply and when the water is moved later in the year a flush of forage will also be added along with the water.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The EA was made available on the FWP website and submitted to EQC. The uncontroversial nature of this stocking and lack of expected public comment resulted in completion of a checklist EA without a public comment period.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action and proceed with the work identified. By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Brad Schmitz, Region 7 Supervisor, or Mike Backes, Region 7 Fish Manager.

Regional Supervisor

Date