



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
PO Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620

July 6, 2022

Dear Interested Party,

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking public comment on the enclosed draft environmental assessment (EA) for a proposed project to conserve native Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Mill Creek 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 and at the northernmost extent of its range. Brook trout occupy this small spring creek, and brook trout are a primary threat to headwater populations of Yellowstone cutthroat trout. Removing brook trout using electrofishing would prevent them to spreading to headwaters.

Additional copies of the draft EA are available at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Headquarters or on our website at fwp.mt.gov. A comment period will begin on July 6 and end on August 5. Written comment should be sent to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Mill Creek Yellowstone cutthroat trout conservation
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Helena, MT 59620

Email comments to comment fwpfishcomments@mt.gov.

Thank you for your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,

Eileen Ryce
Fisheries Division Administrator