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May 20, 2023

Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Checklist Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Wustner Bee Lease renewal on the Fish Creek Wildlife Management Area (FCWMA). FWP is proposing to renew a lease for placing two apiaries in 2 uninhabited locations within FCWMA. This proposed 10-year lease will expire October of 2033. The apiaries each have a 20 ft. x30 ft. footprint and will be placed in designated locations no earlier than June 1st of each year and removed no later than October 1st of each year. The lessee will immediately remove either apiary if any wildlife conflict occurs. For further details please review the EA document.

The EA may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5500; by emailing ryan.klimstra@mt.gov or by viewing FWP's website fwp.mt.gov ("News and Public Notices," then "Public Notices").

Comments may be made online on the EA's webpage or may be directed to Ryan Klimstra at the mail or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than June 3, 2023 at 5 p.m.

As part of the decision-making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA very soon after the end of the comment period. Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Randy Arnold
Regional Supervisor