



DECISION NOTICE
on
COMMUNITY POND PROGRAM
GLEN LAKE OUTLET RESTORATION

March 15, 2023

Proposed Action

Through the Community Pond Program, funding would be provided by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to the Glen Lake Outlet Restoration project, managed and constructed by the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club. The project is located in Bozeman (Gallatin County) and would convert the linear, steep-sided, excavated drainage ditch from Glen Lake into a meandering, natural-looking spring-fed channel. Glen Lake Rotary Park is a major recreation site for the Bozeman area. The restored channel and associated landscaping will improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat and create additional public recreational and educational opportunities.

Alternative Considered

No action. The proposed action of funding the Glen Lake Outlet Restoration Project would not occur. The applicant would either not complete the improvements or would obtain funding from other sources.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

FWP is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment. The EA was available for public comment from February 27, 2023, to March 14, 2023. A legal notice was printed in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and the Draft EA was posted on the FWP webpage: <https://fwp.mt.gov/news/public-notice>.

Public Comment

No comments were received during the public comment period.

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There are no modifications necessary to the Draft EA based on public comment. The Draft EA, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal. This is based on the lack of public comment and the positive benefits of this activity as outlined in the EA. I find there are no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore, I conclude that the EA is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. FWP will adopt the draft EA as the final EA and proceed with the project as planned.

Thank you for your interest,

Eric Roberts
Acting Fisheries Division Administrator
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks