



**Public Scoping**  
**Logan Public Shooting Range Project**  
**March 24, 2025**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (“FWP”) proposes to acquire an approximately 86-acre easement (the “2 Dog Road Easement”) from the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (“DNRC”) as a preliminary step in the anticipated development of a formalized public shooting range on the following state-owned parcel:

*Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Gallatin County, Montana*

A completed easement application for the proposed 2 Dog Road Easement was submitted to the DNRC on *January 16, 2025*. The proposed 2 Dog Road Easement would facilitate the development of a formal public shooting range to replace the existing informal shooting area at the affected site, which is located along the I-90 corridor, approximately 2 miles outside of Logan, Montana. If the easement application is approved, FWP will take additional steps toward development of the official shooting range. FWP would leverage federal Pittman-Robertson funding to purchase the proposed 2 Dog Road Easement from DNRC.

**Project Objectives:**

Public access to lands for the purpose of recreational shooting is limited in the Gallatin Valley and surrounding areas. In recent years, the property proposed for the 2 Dog Road Easement has become a hub for recreational shooting in the area. Public safety concerns have arisen due to the considerable increase in use of the site, the lack of permanent infrastructure at the site, and the lack of regulation or oversight at the site. These concerns could be addressed by the development of a formal shooting range.

The primary objectives for the proposed project are:

- To mitigate existing safety concerns due to current unregulated recreational shooting;
- To improve overall safety for recreational users of the affected site;
- To improve overall safety for nearby landowners;
- To reduce the introduction, spread, and accumulation of shooting-related trash/debris;
- To provide established infrastructure for safe and environmentally responsible recreational shooting; and,
- To encourage (and, as necessary, enforce) responsible recreational shooting practices on the site.

**Project Description:**

The proposed shooting range would include a rifle range with targets located out to 600 yards, separate lanes for pistol and short-range shooting, and an area for shotguns. The range has been specifically designed to separate shooting disciplines for safety purposes, to keep bullets from leaving respective ranges, and to locate target areas so that each shooter is pointed in a safe direction.

A private grazing lease is currently held on the affected property. However, FWP has reached an agreement with the lessee to facilitate the purchase of the 2 Dog Road Easement and, ultimately, development of the shooting range. Per the agreement, FWP would install perimeter fencing to prevent grazing within the proposed shooting range. If short term grazing becomes necessary to manage vegetation, the shooting range could be temporarily closed.

**Public Involvement:**

FWP is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment. Accordingly, project details are still preliminary. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

Public scoping provides an opportunity for individuals who may be affected by or have concerns about a proposed project to engage with FWP during the early project planning stages. FWP invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Public comments help FWP determine the level of public interest, identify potential issues, and may illuminate options for refining the proposal or for developing and analyzing alternatives.

**Comment Window:**

Public comments will be accepted from 3/24/2025 through 4/23/2025.

Please submit written comments to:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, c/o Logan Shooting Range Proposal  
1420 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Helena, MT 59601

Comments may also be submitted via email to:

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Subject: Logan Shooting Range Proposal

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposed project.

Sincerely,

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