

## **Vision Statement for Placid Lake/TNC Property**

### **Our Mission**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, and board, provide for the stewardship of Montana's fish, wildlife, parks, and recreational resources while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations.

Through a collaborative partnership between FWP and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Placid Lake State Park and adjacent TNC lands provide an abundance of recreational opportunities in a setting valued for its fish, wildlife, scenic, historic, and cultural resources. In balancing responsible recreation with stewardship of the resources, FWP and TNC seek to preserve this area as a place of enjoyment for current and future generations of Montanans and visitors.

Our partnership in the Placid Lake area is founded on the belief that there is inherent value in the natural environment, and that the observation and experience of natural things in a setting removed from the hectic world of the day-to-day can uplift and renew the human spirit.

We believe there is value in physical reminders of our past, and that without history, there is little upon which to base our understanding of the present or our dreams for the future.

We believe that responsible recreation allows for the enjoyment of the resources in the Placid Lake area and ensures that these resources will be conserved and maintained for future generations.

We believe in the intrinsic, mental, and physical benefits that come from recreating responsibly, benefits that should be available to people with diverse interests and capabilities.

### **The Partnership's Vision**

Placid Lake State Park and adjacent TNC lands will be managed holistically to meet visitor expectations and resource stewardship needs. We envision a place where visitors have an abundance and diversity of land and water-based recreational opportunities. Placid will be a place that attracts those seeking physical activities as well as a place to connect with nature. We seek to promote curiosity about our past and the people who have called this place home from time immemorial. The physical, natural, cultural, and recreational resource values in this area are interconnected in many ways. Our vision is to maintain those connections as a reflection of the people we serve and what they desire.

### **To achieve this Vision Montana FWP and TNC will:**

- Preserve significant biologic, geologic, scenic, and historic resources within Placid Lake State Park and adjacent TNC lands.
- Manage and maintain lands so that they retain their important scenic, natural, and cultural values.
- Provide educational programming focused on the visitor's relationship to nature, natural processes, ecology, the value of natural conditions, responsible recreation, and history.
- Balance environmental and resource concerns and outdoor recreational opportunities.
- Support the development and retention of well-trained, dedicated, and productive employees.

- Seek recreational development that fosters appropriate use of these lands while preserving their uniqueness and intrinsic values.
- Create quality programs that recognize the cultural diversity represented in the region.
- Participate in partnerships with public agencies, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and the private sector to achieve mutual goals.
- Ensure open and inclusive public processes.

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