



May 18, 2018

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners:

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
Project Submitted for Funding to the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust

The Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust requests public comments on project proposals submitted for funding to the Trust in 2018. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust was established by the US Congress, and funded by proceeds from the sale of federally leased cabin sites on Canyon Ferry Reservoir. The purpose of this Trust is to provide a permanent source of funding for the acquisition of publicly accessible land in the State of Montana in order to:

- Restore and conserve fisheries habitat, including riparian habitat;
- Restore and conserve wildlife habitat;
- Enhance public hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities;
- Improve public access to public lands.

Two independent oversight Boards, a Joint State-Federal Board and a Citizen Advisory Board, are responsible for insuring the goals of the trust are met. Board meetings are open to the public and public participation is encouraged.

The public comment period commences on May 20, 2018 and will end on June 18, 2018 at 5 pm. The project proposed for funding is the City of Hamilton Riverfront project submitted by City of Hamilton.

Copies of the proposed projects nominated for funding are available via email at fwctrust@mtoutdoorlegacy.org or call Deb Lane at 406-461-9524.

Following the comment period, the Joint Federal-State Board will review comments and act on the proposal at their June 28, 2018 meeting.

Thank you.

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Citizens Advisory Board
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