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From: Rose, Sharon <shrose@mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 4:03 PM
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Subject: RE: Stevensville Bridge FAS Acquisition & Development--Decision Notice

Update:

FWP has **issued a Decision Notice** for its proposal to accept the donation of approximately 6.25 acres of private land along the Bitterroot River at Stevensville Bridge in Ravalli County, for the purpose of providing public access to the Bitterroot River and to develop a fishing access site (FAS). Proposed developments for **Stevensville Bridge FAS** include: designated parking areas, gravel access road, primitive camping area, concrete vault latrine, boundary and internal fencing, bicycle/pedestrian and ADA trail connections, and signage. The existing area where boaters have traditionally launched will continue as the designated launch. In addition to improving recreational opportunities, development would provide an opportunity to improve the riparian vegetation on site by revegetating portions of the streambank denuded by past heavy recreational use.

The direct weblink for this DN is: http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/decisionNotices/pn_0921.html

FWP will request approval of this proposal from the Fish & Wildlife Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 10, 2018 in Helena.

(Please contact me if you would like a printed copy mailed to you.)

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From: Rose, Sharon
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 9:29 PM
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Subject: Stevensville Bridge FAS Acquisition & Development--Draft EA

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) seeks public review and comment on its proposal to accept the donation from a private landowner, of approximately 7 acres along the Bitterroot River near Stevensville in Ravalli County. FWP proposes to acquire this land with the intention of providing additional public access to the river and developing the Stevensville Bridge Fishing Access Site (FAS). Proposed developments at the FAS would include: designated parking areas, gravel access road, primitive camping area, concrete vault latrine, boundary and interior fencing, bicycle/pedestrian and ADA trail connections, and informational signs. The site has been used locally for river access without facilities, and the existing area where boaters have traditionally launched would continue to serve as the designated launch at the FAS. In addition to improving recreational opportunities along the Bitterroot River, development of the site would provide opportunity to restore the riparian area by revegetating portions of the streambank denuded by past heavy recreational use.

The draft EA may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing shrose@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("News," then "Recent Public Notices," beginning June 7).

The direct webpage for this proposal is: http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmentalAssessments/acquisitionsTradesAndLeases/pn_0217.html

Comments may be made on FWP's website (webpage above) or directed to Sharon Rose at the mail or email addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than July 6, 2018.

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), FWP Region 2 plans to issue the **Decision Notice** for this EA very soon after the end of the public comment period. The Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP land acquisition and development proposals, and FWP expects to ask the Commission to render its decision at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 9th in Helena.

Thank you.

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