

**Montana Department
of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is the Decision Notice for the proposal to replace existing latrines in Region Three state parks and fishing access sites. The decision has been made to proceed with the proposed action.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Lewis

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Regional Supervisor

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DECISION NOTICE

Region Three State Park & Fishing Access Site Latrine Replacements

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to replace existing, wood frame latrines with new concrete aggregate latrines at all state parks and fishing access sites that currently have latrine facilities, as funding becomes available. Latrine replacements currently funded are as follows:

Greycliff Fishing Access Site (FAS), Madison River - 3 latrine replacements (LR).
Glen FAS, Big Hole River - 1 LR
Emigrant FAS, Yellowstone River - 1 LR
Williams Bridge FAS, Jefferson River - 1 LR
Cardwell FAS, Jefferson River - 1 LR
Drouillard FAS, Jefferson River - 1 LR
Burnt Tree Hole FAS, Madison River - 1 LR

Additional latrine replacements will be made in the future as replacement becomes necessary (through normal wear and tear and vandalism) and funding is available. A draft Environmental Assessment on this proposed action was prepared and distributed on June 4, 1996, with a 30+ day comment period. The comment period expired on July 12, 1996.

One written comment was received concerning Environmental Review Criteria # 2, "Is the replacement more than 50 feet from surface water?" The individual commenting did not feel 50 feet was an adequate distance from surface water sources and urged FWP to adopt a higher standard of 100 to 200 feet.

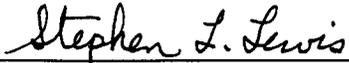
The requirement to place a latrine a minimum of 50 feet from any lake, stream, pond, water well and suction lines is a Department of Health and Environmental Sciences standard but is regulated by the individual counties. Some counties may require a greater setback. Latrines are considered a septic tank under the regulations. Environmental Review Criteria # 2 will be

changed to the following: Is the replacement more than 50 feet from surface water or a greater distance as required by the county sanitarian (or other appropriate county official)?

Based on the analysis in the EA, it is my decision to implement the proposed action as defined above. The process to replace latrines at the above listed sites will begin on or after August 20, 1996. The draft EA will be accepted as the final EA through this Decision Notice with the change to Environmental Review Criteria # 2 as listed above.

I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human or natural environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final Environmental Assessment may be viewed or obtained from the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region Three, 1400 South 19th, Bozeman, Montana. Please direct requests and questions to:



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