



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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TO: Dept. of Health & Environmental Sciences, Director's Office  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached please find a Notice of Decision for the Pictograph Cave State Park Road Easement Environmental Assessment.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

*Richard Ellis*  
*by RHE*

Richard Ellis  
Regional Supervisor

*Yellowstone*

## Notice of Decision

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The comment period for the Pictograph Cave State Park Road Easement Environmental Assessment (EA) closed February 2, 1998. Two comments were received in regard to this EA.

The first comment was from Stan Wilmoth of the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Mr. Wilmoth stated that this easement will have no impact on cultural resources. He did advise that FWP should evaluate the potential for possible impacts prior to any road improvements taking place. FWP will perform the required cultural analysis prior to any road improvements.

The second comment was received from Steve Kuhlman, the landowner with whom the easement will be executed. Mr. Kuhlman requested that the 36 foot Right of Way and the 24 foot construction zone" be merged into one 60 foot Right of Way. Mr. Kuhlman did not seek additional compensation for the extra width, he requested only that the necessary fencing be provided by FWP. FWP is willing to modify the proposed easement agreement to accommodate this request.

As there have been no negative comments and no negative impacts identified for the proposed easement, I have therefore decided to approve the Proposed Plan, which is to proceed with closing on the road easement agreement.