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NOTICE OF DECISION

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TO: Environmental Quality Council
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for Fish, Wildlife and Parks to grant funds to the City of Columbus through the local government Boating Improvement Program for improving the boat ramp in Ich-keppe Park in Columbus, Montana. The draft EA was circulated for 30 days and legal notices were published in the Stillwater County News, Helena Independent Record and on Montana's electronic bulletin board. In addition, time was allotted at the December 1, 2003 Columbus City Council meeting.

The department has decided to proceed with the project as described in the Environmental Assessment.

The Stillwater County Commissioners submitted a letter in support of the project. Travel Montana concurred that the project would have positive benefits on tourism. The State Historic Preservation Office provided concurrence that the project would have a low chance of impact on cultural properties.

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director in writing, and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP might address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please contact me at 247-2951.

Sincerely,


Harvey E. Nyberg
Regional Supervisor