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DECISSION NOTICE:
**For a Major County Road maintenance project on
an eight to ten mile section of the Hell Creek State Park Access Road**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Industrial Site West
P O Box 1630
Miles City, MT 59301
(406) 232-0900

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Perform Major Maintenance on an eight to ten mile section of the Hell Creek State Park Access road beginning at the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge boundary and proceeding south towards Jordan, Montana.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The public comment period began April 15, 2004 and ran through May 17, 2004. Legal notices were on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board and copies of the Environmental Assessment were distributed to various individuals, organizations, and county, state and federal agencies.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the major road maintenance project as identified in the EA. The project should begin early this fall.

By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA without any modifications or additions. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address.

Please direct any further requests or questions to Bryce Christensen, Region 7 Supervisor, or John Little, Region 7 Park Manager.



May 24, 2004

Bryce Christensen, Regional Supervisor

DECISSION NOTICE:
For development of the Downstream Camp Area at
Tongue River Reservoir State Park

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Project will develop 13 designated campsites with picnic tables and fire rings along with graveling access roadways and parking areas. Some two track trails will be obliterated and revegetated.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The public comment period began April 15, 2004 and ran through May 17, 2004. Legal notices were on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board and copies of the Environmental Assessment were distributed to various individuals, organizations, and county, state and federal agencies. The only comment received was a request for increased signage and law enforcement of a safety closure in the immediate vicinity of the Tongue River Dam spillway and outlet works. This comment has been noted and efforts will be undertaken to address this concern.

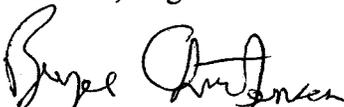
DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the campground development project as identified in the EA. The project should begin early this fall.

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