



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

July 16, 2004

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared for the Park Lake Dam rehabilitation. Please contact Craig Marr, Helena Area Park Manager at (406) 495-3270 should you have any questions about the Decision Notice or the Final EA. Copies of the Final EA are available upon request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Korn
Helena Area Coordinator

FINAL DECISION NOTICE
Park Lake Dam Rehabilitation

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
Helena Area Resource Office
930 Custer Ave. West
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Proposal

On June 11, 2004 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) released a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Park Lake Dam rehabilitation. The Dam Rehabilitation is proposed to upgrade the Dam structure to meet standards set by the state of Montana.

The proposed action included the reconstruction of the dam embankment, the replacement of the primary spillway (road culvert), and the placement of riprap on the outlet channel. Approximately 30,000 cubic yards of material will be used in the cut and fill operations, with approximately 5 acres disturbed. The reservoir elevation would be lowered during construction, with the majority of the work conducted above the water level. Any disturbed areas would be reclaimed upon completion of the project, with the exception of the maintenance access to the main dam, which would be maintained for future use. The types of equipment used for the project will include bulldozers, backhoes, front-end loaders, tracked excavators, graders, and dump trucks. A cultural clearance from the Montana State Historic Preservation Office was obtained in July 2000. This project is anticipated to begin during the fall of 2004 and end in the spring of 2005.

Public Process and Comment

A 30-day public comment period began June 11, 2004 and closed on July 12, 2004. A legal notice describing the proposed modification was published in the Helena Independent Record on June 13, 2001. A statewide press release was sent to print and broadcast media and the proposed modification was posted on the FWP web site. No comments were received regarding the proposed action.

Decision

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and applicable laws regulations and policies, I conclude that the proposed action will not result in any significant impacts. I will adopt the draft EA as the final EA and proceed with the project, as planned. The final EA may be viewed or obtained from Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, Helena Area Resource Office



Michael Korn
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July 15, 2004

Please direct any questions to:

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