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NOTICE OF DECISION

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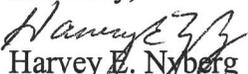
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for removal of brook trout from the Brushy Fork and West Fork of Willow Creek using electrofishing. The draft EA was circulated for 15 days, notices were posted on Montana's electronic bulletin board, and letters were mailed to landowners along the streams. One person responded expressing concern about disruption of the area where he fishes for brown trout. His area is outside the project site, and only brook trout are being removed.

After reviewing this proposal and corresponding comments, it is my decision to proceed with this project as proposed. 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 address them to me at hnyberg@state.mt.us or call me at 247-2951.

Sincerely,


Harvey E. Nyberg
Regional Supervisor