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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared for the Spring Meadow Lake State Park Paving Project. Please contact Craig Marr, Helena Area Park Manager at (406) 495-3270 should you have any questions about the Decision Notice or the final Environmental Assessment. Copies of the Final EA are available upon request.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Michael Korn  
Helena Area Coordinator

**FINAL DECISION NOTICE**  
**Spring Meadow Lake State Park Paving Project**

Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks  
Helena Area Resource Office  
930 Custer Ave. West  
Helena, MT 59620

**Proposal**

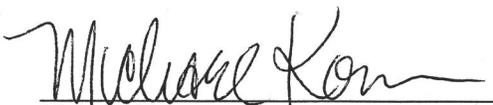
The proposal is to pave about 1000 linear feet of road and parking area with curbing to accommodate approximately 124 standard vehicles inside Spring Meadow Lake State Park during early fall 2004. A cul-de-sac road design would provide turn-around space for standard vehicles and buses. About 1250 feet of uneven and cracked paved trails would be replaced with eight-foot-wide sidewalk adjacent to the parking area and extending from both ends. Sections of old paved trail not in line with the new trail would be removed and reclaimed with lawn. The existing irrigation system would be repaired and improved to adequately water newly seeded and disturbed lawn areas. Existing wooden bollards and logs surrounding the roads and parking areas would be removed. The park entrance booth would be relocated and a new Parks Division standard information kiosk installed.

**Public Process and Comment**

A 30-day public comment period began July 19, 2004 and closed on August 19, 2004. A legal notice describing the proposed modification was published in the Helena Independent Record on July 13, 2004. A statewide press release was sent to print and broadcast media and the proposed modification was posted on the FWP web site. Several comments were received that supported 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. The draft EA will be adopted as the Final EA and we will proceed with the project, as proposed. The final EA may be viewed or obtained from Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, Helena Area Resource Office



Michael Korn  
Helena Area Coordinator MFWP

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