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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Region One, has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for Lake Mary Ronan State Park for the purpose of extending the power and water lines at the park.

There were no changes to the draft EA; therefore, the draft becomes the final EA. A copy of the record of decision is attached. Please direct your questions or comments to Regional Parks Manager Marty Watkins, FWP, 490 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901, or e-mail mawatkins@state.mt.us.

Sincerely,

James Satterfield
Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Record of Decision
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Lake Mary Ronan Power and Waterline Extension
Environmental Assessment

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
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Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to extend the power and water lines at Lake Mary Ronan State Park. The purpose is to provide three additional risers to provide water for public use, and to provide low intensity lighting at the vault toilets to enable campers to see/use them after dark. The secondary purpose is to provide water access at the vault toilets so water can be put in the vaults to reduce odor.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposed to adopt Alternative 2. FWP will run waterlines from the well pit to the riser near the vault toilet in the parking area, and from the riser located near campsite 25 along the roadway system to new risers near campsites 21 and 5. In addition, FWP will run power from the well pit to the vault toilet near the parking area, and from the well pit to a 20-foot light pole near the boat ramp. In addition, power from the host pad will be extended by cutting the pavement across the main entrance road, then following the road system to the vault toilet near campsite 5, and proceeding down the center of the camp loop to the vault toilet near campsite 21.

Public Comment:

No public comments were received.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis in the environmental assessment (EA), I find Alternative 2, described above, to be the preferred alternative. I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final environmental assessment and/or the record of decision (ROD) and FONSI may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please direct requests and questions to:

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In accordance with FWP policy, an appeal may be made by any person who has either commented in writing to the department on the proposed project, or who has registered or commented orally at a public meeting held by the department on the proposed project, or who can provide new evidence that would otherwise change the proposed plan. An appeal must be submitted to the Director of FWP in writing and must be postmarked or received within 30 days of this ROD. The appeal must describe the basis for the appeal, how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and how the department can provide relief. The appeal should be mailed to: Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 1420 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

James Satterfield
Regional Supervisor

3/2/05
Date