



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

### **NOTICE OF DECISION**

April 21, 2006

#### **Black Bridge Fishing Access Site Acquisition**

##### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks propose to acquire a 71-acre property along the Yellowstone River at Glendive to serve as a public fishing access site. There is a substantial need for public river access to the Yellowstone River near Glendive. The Black Bridge FAS would be the only FAS on the Yellowstone River between Fallon FAS and Intake FAS (53 River Miles). The property is also attractive for public use because of the close proximity to Glendive, the high quality of the river fishery in this reach, the onsite wildlife habitat, and the history of public use provided by the landowner. In addition, there is a good potential site for development of a boat ramp.

##### **PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT**

The Black Bridge Fishing Access Acquisition EA was posted on the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Web site (<http://fwp.mt.gov/default.html>) and provided for Public comment from March 14- April 14, 2006. Comments from 12 individuals representing Montana Wildlife Federation, Walleyes Unlimited, Montana's Custer Country, and public sentiment were received via Email to the FWP Region 7 Office. All comments were in favor of FWP acquiring the proposed Black Bridge FAS property. Comments are available for review at the Region 7 Office.

##### **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 acquisition. 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 Brad Schmitz, Region 7 Fisheries Manager.

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Bryce Christensen

Regional Supervisor