

**Rotenone Treatment Of Randall Creek And Associated Ponds For
Removal Of Northern Pike
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
DECISION NOTICE
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region Three, Bozeman
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Proposed Action

The proposed action is the chemical treatment of a section of Randall Creek and associated ponds and ditches in Gallatin County as part of an effort to eradicate a self-sustaining population of northern pike. This treatment will target northern pike which pose a potential threat to wild trout and native game and non-game fish in the upper Missouri drainage.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on January 15, 2008.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken for 21 days (through February 6, 2008). The EA was mailed to individuals and groups, and legal notices were printed in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and the Helena Independent Record. The EA was also posted on the FWP webpage: <http://fwp.mt.gov/publicnotices/>

No public comments were received during the 21-day review period

Final Environmental Assessment

There are no modifications necessary to the Environmental Assessment based on public comment. The Environmental Assessment, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and the need to protect wild trout and native game and non-game fish in the upper Missouri drainage, it is my decision to proceed with the effort to remove northern pike from the proposed project reach of Randall Creek. I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Patrick J. Flowers
Region Three Supervisor