



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105

NOTICE OF DECISION

July 2, 2008

TO: Environmental Quality Council
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks*

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Fisheries Division
Wildlife Division

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Scott Barndt, USFS, Bozeman; Scott Shuler, USFS, Livingston; Scott Bosee, GYC, Bozeman
Other Local Interested People or Groups

* (Sent electronically)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for removing brook trout from a 3-acre private pond on an unnamed tributary to the Boulder River. The draft EA was circulated for 30 days to interested agencies, groups, and persons, and a news release was sent to all regional media outlets. The EA was also posted on the Fish, Wildlife and Parks website for that same period ending June 30, 2008. No comments were received.

After reviewing this proposal, it is my decision to proceed with this project to remove brook trout from the pond (using rotenone) to protect a self-sustaining population of rainbow trout in the river that provide a popular sport fishery. If you have questions regarding this decision notice or wish a copy of the final EA, you may email me at ghammond@mt.gov, or call me at 247-2951.

Sincerely,

Gary Hammond
Regional Supervisor