



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Environmental Assessment Amendment Billings Trap Club Shooting Range Enhancement project

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On August 25, 2008 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) released a decision notice http://fwp.mt.gov/publicnotices/notice_1847.aspx approving a proposal to grant funds to the Billings Trap Club for a range improvement grant on 78.43 acres in Township 1 N., Range 26 E., Section 10 – that portion of SW1/4SE1/4 and of NW1/4SE1/4 lying east of the public highway, east-northeast end of Lake Elmo (Holling Reservoir), in Yellowstone County, Montana.

FWP will provide \$120,447 in partial funding towards providing the following improvements to the range: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Access Paths, ADA Shower and Bath House Remodel, and Electrical Improvements. The original draft EA can be found at http://fwp.mt.gov/publicnotices/notice_1796.aspx

The Billings Trap Club notified FWP on 5/12/2009 that construction plans for the ADA portion of the grant has been modified to include the excavation of a hill adjacent to traps 7-12. This action will remove approximately 5,800 cubic yards of dirt that will be used as fill on the property below trap 4. The modification will also replace buried electrical lines to all the traps; asphalt two ADA 20 x 40 ft parking pads; level and gravel a 90' x 650' parking area; constructing a 8' x 1,400' asphalt walkway; construct concrete retention walls; and modify three traps to "fully" wheel chair accessible.

FWP has reviewed the change and doesn't anticipate any negative environmental issues associated with this activity. Also the project does not use federal funds nor does it take place on state owned or controlled property, therefore; the State Antiquities Act does not apply to this undertaking.

The grant amount will remain the same.

Opportunities for the public to comment in reference to this change will be available until 5:00 PM on June 5, 2009. Written comments will be accepted at FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620 or by e-mail at kcunningham@mt.gov.

This amendment to the project will be considered as final if no substantive comments are received by the deadline listed above.