



**Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks**

2300 Lake Elmo Drive  
Billings, MT 59105  
June 10, 2009

**NOTICE OF DECISION**  
*Henry Lake Environmental Assessment*

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

Director's Office	Lands Section
Parks Division	Design & Construction
Fisheries Division	Legal Unit
Wildlife Division	Regional Supervisors

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FWP Commissioner Shane Colton\*  
David Moore, DNRC Area Manager, Southern Land Office  
County Commissioners  
Other Local Interested People or Groups  
\* (Sent electronically)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the proposed transfer of fertilized Yellowstone cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki bouvieri*) within Henry Creek, a tributary to East Fork Duck Creek, located north of Springdale, Montana. Fertilized eggs collected from adult cutthroat in the lower drainage will be transferred above a waterfall in Henry Creek to expand the cutthroat population above this natural barrier. The draft was circulated to interested agencies, groups, and persons, was submitted as a Legal Notice in local newspapers, and was posted on the FWP website for 30 days. Only one supporting comment was received.

After reviewing this proposal and the comment received, it is my decision to proceed with the project to transfer Yellowstone cutthroat eggs within the Henry Creek drainage. If you have questions regarding this decision notice or wish a copy of the final EA, you may email me at [ghammond@mt.gov](mailto:ghammond@mt.gov), or call me at 247-2951.

Thank you for your interest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Hammond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "G".

Gary Hammond  
Regional Supervisor