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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) is releasing a Decision Notice for an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding a proposal to grant funds to the Toole County for a Shooting Range Development Grant. This project will be located on the Marias Fairgrounds, .5 miles east of Shelby, Montana, on Hwy 2. FWP will provide $46,924 of partial funding towards renovation of the exhibit building on the Marias Fairgrounds into a safe indoor shooting range with a meeting/education area and adjacent storage facility.

The Draft EA was posted on FWP's web site and the comment period ran from August 31 to September 24, 2010. A newsrelease was sent out of the FWP Region 4 Office and legal ads ran in the **Great Falls Tribune** on September 8th & 12th, and the **Shelby Promoter** on Sept. 9 and 16th, 2010.

Based on the fact that FWP did not receive any objections to the Draft EA, funding for the proposed project is approved and the project will proceed once Toole County has completed other administrative responsibilities required by the grant program.

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