



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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December 13, 2011

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared for the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site Road Easement Relocation. The proposed action authorizes the relocation of a private road easement across the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site from its current riverfront location onto the existing FWP road through the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site. No public comment was received during a 10-day comment period ending December 12, 2011.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Flowers  
Region Three Supervisor



# **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

Region Three  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59718  
December 13, 2011

Decision Notice for:  
**CARTER'S BRIDGE FISHING ACCESS SITE  
ROAD EASEMENT RELOCATION  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

## **Proposed Action**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposes to relocate a private road easement across the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site from its current riverfront location onto the existing FWP road through the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site. The relocated easement will be appurtenant to the neighboring Harper property, will be for the benefit of the current and future owners of that land, and will minimize the impact of the existing easement on the FAS.

## **Montana Environmental Policy Act**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess 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 December 2, 2011.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken from December 2, 2011 through December 12, 2011. The EA was mailed to 40 groups and individuals.

## **Summary of Public Comment**

FWP received no public comment regarding the proposed action.

## **Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment on which no public comment was received and FWP's evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with FWP's preferred alternative and implement the proposed action as described in Section II of the EA to relocate a private road easement across the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site from its current riverfront location onto the existing FWP road through the Carter's Bridge Fishing Access Site.

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Patrick J. Flowers  
Regional Fish & Wildlife Supervisor

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