



### EARLY NOTICE OF A POTENTIAL IMPACT TO A FLOOD HAZARD AREA

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks is considering committing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative – Special Projects funds, authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Act, 2010, to undertake a project known as Milltown State Park Development at the confluence of the Blackfoot and Clark Fork rivers. The specific elements of this proposed project include grading; improvement of a park access road; paving of a parking lot; development of a riverfront trail; various visitor facilities; and development of a walk-in river access point. The proposed action, if implemented, would impact a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA); reference Panel #1485 effective August 16, 1988. The purposes of this notice are to: (1) inform the public of this potential consequence and (2) request comments concerning: (a) potential adverse impacts of the proposed project on the SFHA and (b) alternative sites or courses of action that might avoid or reduce these impacts.

The 1988 FEMA map has not been revised subsequent to removal of the Milltown Dam. Preliminary hydraulic modeling by River Design Group estimates that the revised 100-year flood elevation at the park is approximately 20 feet lower than represented on the 1988 map. This project will only intrude on the estimated floodplain where the non-motorized put-in descends into the Clark Fork. Details concerning the proposed project are available for examination/copying at Missoula Office of Planning & Grants, 435 Ryman, Missoula, weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or by appointment. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed project to: John Adams, OPG, 435 Ryman, Missoula, MT 59802-4292. All comments must be received no later than July 14, 2012.

John Adams, Environmental Certifying Officer  
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