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Decision Notice Five Valleys Archery Club

September 26, 2013

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to provide the Five Valleys Archery Club with a Montana Shooting Range Development Grant. This range is located approximately 3 miles south of Missoula, Montana 1.5 mile east of Highway 93, at 7925 Lower Miller Creek Road, Missoula, Montana 59803, Lat. 46.79278, Long. 114.05889.

FWP will provide \$8,750 in partial funding for The Five Valleys Archery Club's proposed range improvements – Construction of a handicap accessible picnic shelter, Purchase and installation of archery backstops, and maintenance and improvement of range trails, ramps, parking area, and grounds.

A Draft EA was made available for public review and comment on FWP's website (<http://fwp.mt.gov/>, "Recent Public Notices") from August 8, 2013 through August 23, 2013. A legal notice was also published in the *Missoulian* newspaper on August 10, 2013 and FWP issued a news release announcing the comment period for the draft EA.

Public Comments: Three comments were received regarding this action. 1) Whether firearms would be used on that range. 2) Request to fund an unnamed project in the Blackfoot Valley. 3) Related to clarification of property boundaries between Bonneville Power & Northwest Energy .

- 1) This range is not designed nor intended for the use of firearms.
- 2) FWP would need a specific funding request from a specific club in the area to act upon.
- 3) Bonneville Power, Northwest Energy, and Five Valleys have agreed to a plan that will prevent encroachment onto Bonneville Power property.

Based on public and internal review, the Draft EA will be adopted as the Final EA. This Decision Notice and the Final EA will serve as the final documents pertaining to this action.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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Montana Shooting Range Grant Coordinator