

HB190 BRIDGE ACCESS												
Bridge Name	DATE	Name(s) of person responsible	REG	BRIDGE			ACCESS FEATURE	SITE DESCRIPTION			Accessibility Assessment	
				COUNTY	DOT	Stream / River		AT MM	Bridge Coordinates (Lat., Longitude)	ADJACENT LAND OWNER	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Birch Grove Crossing Birch Grove IA1 <small>(click above to see photos)</small>	7/7/2009	Vaahro, L. Anderson Cavigli, Wernma	1	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Whitelash River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	T29N R21W S08	Mary Pat Murphy	875 Birch Grove Road Kaliapel, MT 59901 Grazing Lease-Roger Doely	406-756-7721 406-756-7721 406-257-9399	Impediment to access: Landowner has no problem with access, in fact, she built her fence so public can access a small plot of her property. Last fall, the grazing lessee contacted FWP because someone had cut the fence in numerous places, allowing his cattle to get out on Birch Grove Road both directly and by crossing under bridge and coming up on far side. Landowner and lessee were looking for assistance to contain their livestock while continuing access. Action: FWP staff obtained a right-of-way permit from Flathead County. FWP then repaired fence, added additional 1 posts to reinforce fence, added an additional wood post and half beam to strengthen fence corner and provide spot to pull cables, etc. over, and constructed a pedestrian bypass with 1-posts and smooth wire to allow access up river bank but contain livestock in event of escape. Reinforced fence up to bridge with wire fence panels. Signed area with access rules. Estimated Cost: \$173.91 Volunteer Effort/Donated Materials: We had two members of Flathead Wildlife, Inc. and two members of Flathead Chapter of Trout Unlimited donate labor for the project. The 4 volunteers worked roughly 2-1/2 hours for a total of 10 hours labor. They drove themselves to the work site which we would estimate would total 75 miles.
North Fork of Blackfoot N Fork Road IA1 <small>(click above to see photos)</small>	5/30/2009	Ezra Schwalm Jeff Darrah Dan Curtin Nick Taylor	2	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackfoot	51 <input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description		Jon Krutar	77 Homestead Ln Ovando, MT 59854	406-793-5607	Impediment to access: A barbed wire fence is impeding raft launching at this site. Landowner contacted FWP in a cooperative spirit & requested an access point in the form of a gate. Action: A gate, 2 posts, a brace post 7 some smooth wire Estimated Cost: Less than \$300.00 Three volunteers: Tim Aldrich, President, Montana Wildlife Fed & Hellgate Hunters & Anglers, Corey Fisher TU
Raymond Bridge Raymond Bridge IA1	5/30/2009	Ezra Schwalm Jeff Darrah Dan Curtin Nick Taylor	2	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackfoot River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description		Randy Mannix Mannix Brothers Ranch	106 Speker Loop Hellville, MT 59843	406-793-5834	Impediment to access: Fence was impeding boat access. Landowner contacted FWP in a cooperative spirit & requested an access point in the form of a gate. Action: 2 posts, a gate Estimated Cost: Less than \$300.00 Three volunteers: Tim Aldrich, President, Montana Wildlife Fed & Hellgate Hunters & Anglers, Corey Fisher TU
Edwards Road Eastfork of Bitterroot River Edwards Road IA1	6/7/2009	Doug Johnson Lou Royce Joe Jaquith	2	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bitterroot River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description		Bob Birch Sula Peak Ranch Jerry Ehmman	Sula, MT Sula, MT (very cooperative landowners)	406-821-4035 406-821-3407	Impediment to access: Fallen down fences Action: Fence posts and rails - 1/2 dozen each Estimated Cost: \$81.50 Volunteers: 6 from Ravalli Cty FW Assoc, Trout Unl, FOAM, Earl & Scott Little (Ravalli Cty FW), Fred Upchurch (Ravalli Cty FW), Eddi Owell (FOAM), Geoff Fitzgerald (Trout Unlimited), John Wasson (Ravalli Cty FW), Joe Hundley (Ravalli Cty FW)
Duncan District	4/17/2009	Will Murray Dave Delisi Jerry Kustich John Eisenbarth	3	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruby	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	N45deg 26.034min. W112deg 15.438min.				Single Lane Bridge - parking should be reviewed NE Corner access is ok - best current access NW Corner is blocked by fence topped with strand of barbed wire SW corner access is ok but could be improved by removing barbed wire in way SE Access is obstructed by debris Notes: Remove barbed wire at SW corner; find place for creation of road-pullout for 2 vehicles within walking distance.
Lewis Lane	4/17/2009	Will Murray Dave Delisi Jerry Kustich John Eisenbarth	3	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruby	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	N 45 deg. 26.128 min. W112deg 18.139min.				Parking may be adequate for 1 car at position SE of bridge; large area near bridge that looks like pullout, but is actually a water hydrant and is labeled "No Parking" - this is potential area for courts of people River access difficult at three of four corners, although stile at SE corner might make access possible there. A gate has recently been added at SW corner which provides easy access to that corner. Curiously, dead animals (cat, raccoon, & skunk) had been placed at each corner so one accessing river from bridge would have to walk over or around Gunshots hear while we inspected bridge Notes: Clean up the area.
Silver Spring Bridge Silver Spring IA1	7/17/2009	Shane Brosovich Coy Kline	3	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruby River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	N45deg 24.685 min. W112deg 12.341 min.	Neil Jake Barnosky	615 Ruby River Drive Sheridan, MT 59749	406-842-7218	Accessibility Assessment: The access to the Ruby River on the southwest, northwest and northeast corners of the Silver Spring Bridge is impeded by heavy willows and steep embankments/bridge abutments. The river is also deep at these three points. The only feasible access to the river is at the southeast corner of the bridge with taking into consideration safety and cost/labor intensive improvements Action: The action needed to improve access at the county bridge is to remove some willows and replace the top rail of the existing fence (rotted). Install rails on the inside of the fence to allow a step system for fisherman to access the river. A raft/vessel may be turned sideways to get it through the gap between the county reflective sign and the bridge abutment. Otherwise, a raft/vessel may be slid over the top rail of the rail that needs to be replaced. Estimated Cost: \$50.00
Loma Bridge Loma Bridge IA1	8/8/2009	Woody Baxter R-4 & R-6 Parks	4	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missouri River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description		Ken & Ginny Riland	Loma, MT	739-4323(H) 788-2425(Cell)	Accessibility Assessment: The landowners of the adjacent property to this bridge have been faced with littering and occasional destruction of barbed-wire fence by the public. Through the years, and most recent, the owners have complained to FWP of what they perceive as illegal campfires and trespassing on property. Existing layout of the site does not provide the public with safe parking along the county road, nor easy walking access through the fence that connects to the bridge abutments. Action: Repair (upgrade) the barbed-wire fence down by the bridge abutment, and portion of the fence which runs parallel to the county road, both sides. Provide walk-through gates, w/ springs, with a designated area for parking & close-off an area where parking is unsafe. Added regulatory signs "NO PARKING BEYOND THIS SIGN", "STAY BELOW THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK", "PACK-IN/PACK-OUT". Estimated Cost: \$1,000.00 Parking should be reviewed. Volunteers/Cost Share/Donations: Landowner, County Commissioner, County Road Supervisor, FWP R-4 Supervisors Warden Captain Warden Sergeant Fisheries Parks Maintenance Parks Manager Inf & Prog Manager Impediment to access: Deteriorating condition of fence (existing with this gate) and height/composition of existing fence made delivery of float craft to waters edge difficult. Action: Materials, improvements (see photos) Estimated Cost: Donated materials by Dearborn Ranch Volunteers/Cost Share/Donations: 5 volunteers including ranch manager expended efforts in one day to complete job.
Dearborn	5/1/2009	Bryan Golle, et.al.	4	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dearborn River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description		Dearborn Ranch Rocky Harbor - Mgr.	Wolf Creek, MT		Impediment to access: Deteriorating condition of fence (existing with this gate) and height/composition of existing fence made delivery of float craft to waters edge difficult. Action: Materials, improvements (see photos) Estimated Cost: Donated materials by Dearborn Ranch Volunteers/Cost Share/Donations: 5 volunteers including ranch manager expended efforts in one day to complete job.
Nitche Road Bridge Nitche Creek IA1	7/7/2009 9/7/2009	Gary Hammond Cleve Schuster Parks Maintenance	5	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stillwater River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	45.48629 -109.45602	Campbell, Wallace L & Wendelin	21 Nitche Rd Absarokee MT 59001-6311	406-328-4056	Impediment to access: existing stiles in disrepair Action: reset and reattach existing rails in existing stiles on both sides of river Estimated Cost: \$0 - 20 minutes of labor This is a fairly new bridge, which had adequate access added at construction. Downed rails in stiles made access difficult. Repairs returned stiles to their original condition. All repair work was done within existing rights of way and with existing materials
Spring Creek Bridge Spring Creek IA1	8/12/2009	Gary Hammond, Jerry Simmons, Cleve Schuster, Annie Hoffman Ken Frazer, Bob Gibson Jerry Simmons, Don Yarnes	5	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stillwater	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	45.31.814 -109.636	Arnold Green Meadow Ranch Catherine F Connor Kent & M Ann Johnson	407 W Grove St Absarokee MT 59001-6205 63 Spring Creek Rd Absarokee MT 59001-6222 P O Box 777 Absarokee MT 59001-0777	406-328-4395 406-328-4396 406-328-6351	Impediment to access: Steep, hazardous, rocky, slick embankments with barbed wire and woven wire attached to bridge abutments Action: First, FWP arranged for sportsmen to park in the Spring Creek Community Center lot north of the bridge. Signs were posted. Acquired a 124 permit. Contacted local telephone coop, which sent a lineman to mark underground lines. On northwest corner, installed steel gate and built re-enforced gravel trail down steep bank. On northeast corner, built and installed pressure-treated wooden stairs down embankment and wooden ladder over fence. At southeast corner, will install swinging steel gate in rail fence and signs to Estimated Cost: \$350 plus labor. Volunteers: Magic City Flyfishers and Billings Rod & Gun Club donated money for gates and labor. 4-H member helped with labor. Notes: Northwest and northeast corners of the bridge were steep, rocky, slick, hazardous and virtually impassable. People had climbed over loose barbed wire fence on northwest corner, but access was dangerous. At southeast corner, people were trespassing on ag land to access river. Parking near bridge is minimal and blocks busy county road.
East Rosebud Bridge E Rosebud IA1	8/12/2009	Mule, Watson, Nixdorf, Hammond, Gibson, Frazer	5	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	East Rosebud River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	45.18.482 -109.31.515	State of Montana			Impediment to access: Fences attached to the bridge abutment Action: Contacted local telephone coop, which sent a lineman to mark underground cables. Installed steel swinging gates on new wooden posts in existing fences on the southeast and southwest corners of the bridge/river intersection. Repaired rail and barbed wire fences that attached to new gate posts. Estimated Cost: \$200 in materials Volunteers: Billings Rod & Gun Club and Magic City Flyfishers donated for materials. Irv Wilke, president of the Billings Rod and Gun Club, helped with labor.
Bundy Bridge Bundy Bridge IA1	6/12/2009	Kevin Holland	5	Flathead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yellowstone River	<input type="checkbox"/> stile <input type="checkbox"/> gate <input type="checkbox"/> roller <input type="checkbox"/> walkover <input type="checkbox"/> wooden rail fence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other description	45.99769 -108.09900	Janet Talcott	Bundy Road Wornden MT 59068	406-967-2184	Impediment to Access: Build short stretch of fence (75' to 100') and create a <- type opening for people to walk through fence. Tighten up also section of fence (75' to 100') previously damaged by sportsmen using river Action: rebuild fence and include walk through gap. Estimated Cost: \$100 plus time to do work Volunteers: all work and materials will be provided by MT FW&P Notes: Construction by FWP staff with help from Billings Rod & Gun Club and PLWAA. County commissioners and legislator attended. Line locators called ahead of project.



Pre-project. Footpath to right of Whitefish River sign.



Flathead Wildlife & Flathead Chapter Trout Unl volunteers rebuilding bridge



Vandalized Fence. Private property to left of fence available for public use



Warden Captain Lee Anderson building pedestrian bypass



Warden Captain Lee Anderson posting public use rules.

BIRCH GROVE CROSSING, WHITEFISH RIVER, FLATHEAD COUNTY
NE Corner of Birch Grove Bridge, public uses county right--of-way to access Whitefish River





Access was put on Southeast corner / boat put in. North Fork of Blackfoot River where it intersects MT Hwy 200, located in Powell County

NORTH FORK ROAD BRIDGE



Before



After

NITCHE CREEK BRIDGE



Before



After

BUNDY BRIDGE - YELLOWSTONE COUNTY



BEFORE



AFTER

LOMA BRIDGE SE of Loma MT off of the Loma Bridge Road.
Crosses the Missouri River.



Before



During



After



After

SPRING CREEK BRIDGE - STILLWATER COUNTY



Before



After

EAST ROSEBUD RIVER BRIDGE



Before



After