



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105

NOTICE OF DECISION

April 27, 1999

TO: Environmental Quality Council
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Director's Office
Parks Division
Fisheries Division
Wildlife Division

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Montana Historical Society, State Preservation Office
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Montana Wildlife Federation
Montana State Library
George Ochenski
Montana Environmental Information Center
Wayne Hirst, Montana State Parks Foundation
Montana Parks Association
Representative Bob Raney
Attached Distribution List

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the introduction of Yellowstone cutthroat trout fry into ESP/Chambers Spring Creek near Big Timber. The draft EA was circulated for 30 days and legal notices were published in the Billings Gazette and Big Timber Pioneer, as well as Montana's electronic bulletin board.

No comments were received. The department has decided, therefore, to select the preferred alternative and re-introduce the cutthroat fry into the spring creek using fertilized eggs placed into an off-stream incubator.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Richard Ellis
Regional Supervisor

Attachment

Sweet Grass

Introduction Yellowstone cutthroat trout into Esp/Chambers Spring Creek

Additional Distribution List:

Commissioner David Simpson

Magic City Flyfishers

Walleyes Unlimited, Billings Chapter

Rita Esp

Tom Chambers

Sweet Grass Conservation District

Chuck Roloff - Natural Resources Conservation Service