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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed a copy of my decision on the expansion of the Hart Shooting Preserve. It is my decision to issue a permit for the expansion upon completion of requisite activities (signing, etc.) and final facility inspection by FWP personnel (87-4-501 MCA, 87-4-502 MCA.) If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Korn
Helena Area Coordinator

Lewis + Clark

DECISION NOTICE
HART SHOOTING PRESERVE
PREPARED BY MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS
August 23, 2000

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to establish a shooting preserve on 320 acres of deeded property owned by the applicant. The business proposes to offer the shooting of pheasants and chukar partridge by customers and the owner. The benefit is primarily financial and recreational for the applicant with minor financial benefits for the community.

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) PROCESS

The proposal was outlined in an Environmental Assessment (EA) by FWP in compliance the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). FWP is required to assess the impacts to the human and natural environment. The EA was available for public comment from July 21 through August 9, 2000. The document was sent to state and local government entities, local legislators, sportsperson's groups and individuals who have expressed interest in shooting preserves.

ISSUES RAISED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Checklist EA listed the issues. No major impacts are known to occur if the permit is issued.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

One comment was received during the comment period. That comment was from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):

COMMENT: Based on previous inventory and the fact that no new ground disturbance will occur, there is a low likelihood that unknown or unrecorded cultural properties will be impacted by this undertaking. However, if cultural materials are encountered during the course of the project, we request that our office is notified and the site investigated.

RESPONSE: The department concurs with the SHPO.

DECISION

Utilizing the EA and public comment, a decision must be rendered by FWP which address concerns and issues identified for this proposed shooting preserve. Based on the findings of the EA that established no significant impacts, an EIS is not required and it is my decision to approve the permit for the Hart Shooting Preserve. A permit will be issued upon completion of requisite activities (signing, etc.) and final facility inspection by FWP personnel (87-4-501 MCA, 87-4-502 MCA.)



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