

DECISION NOTICE:
For streambank stabilization at Kohrs Bend
Fishing Access Site

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed action is to stabilize the streambank and protect the access road from future lateral erosion at the Kohrs Bend Fishing Access Site (FAS). The project will consist of installing rock vanes in the stream channel to reduce stream velocity on the outside of the meander bend; terracing of the bank; placement of erosion control mat; complete revegetation of all disturbed areas; and, placement of rock revetment up to the bank full level. This will complete the bank stabilization effort and prevent future bank erosion and sediment transport.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The public comment period began July 16, 2000 and ran through August 24, 2000. Legal notices were published in the Missoulian and Helena Independent Record. Also, there was a statewide press release and a posting on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board. We did not receive any written comments from the public. We did have conversations with the neighboring land owner about the project and they were supportive of the department repairing and stabilizing the road and the bank.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action and proceed with the basic improvements to this site. Construction should begin this fall.

By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA without any modifications or additions. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Mack Long, Region 2 Supervisor, or Lee Bastian, Region 2 Park Manager.

Mack Long, Regional Supervisor

Date