

**DECISSION NOTICE:**  
**For development of the Downstream Camp Area at**  
**Tongue River Reservoir State Park**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Industrial Site West  
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Miles City, MT 59301  
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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

Project will develop 13 designated campsites with picnic tables and fire rings along with graveling access roadways and parking areas. Some two track trails will be obliterated and revegetated.

**PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT**

The public comment period began April 15, 2004 and ran through May 17, 2004. Legal notices were on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board and copies of the Environmental Assessment were distributed to various individuals, organizations, and county, state and federal agencies. The only comment received was a request for increased signage and law enforcement of a safety closure in the immediate vicinity of the Tongue River Dam spillway and outlet works. This comment has been noted and efforts will be undertaken to address this concern.

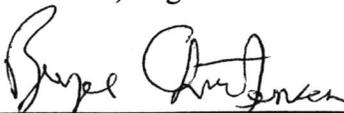
**DECISION**

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 campground development project as identified in the EA. The project should begin early 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 & Parks at the above address.

Please direct any further requests or questions to Bryce Christensen, Region 7 Supervisor, or John Little, Region 7 Park Manager.



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Bryce Christensen, Regional Supervisor

May 24, 2004