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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Region One, has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the purpose of installing vault toilets at Swan River, Pressentine, Beaver Lake, and Thompson Chain of Lakes Little McGregor, McGregor Lake, and Lower Thompson Lake fishing access sites. The only change to the draft EA is that, due to comments regarding use patterns, one toilet will be installed at Pressentine FAS instead of Kokanee Bend. The toilets will be installed as funding and logistics allow.

A copy of the decision document is enclosed. The final environmental assessment may be viewed at or obtained from FWP, Region One, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please direct questions or comments to Marty Watkins, Regional Parks Manager, 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, or e-mail to mawatkins@state.mt.us.

Sincerely,


Daniel P. Vincent
Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure

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Decision Notice
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Placement of Vault Toilets in Various Fishing Access Sites
Environmental Assessment

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 1
490 N. Meridian Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

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Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to install vault toilets at the following fishing access sites: Swan River, Beaver Lake, Pressentine, and Thompson Chain of Lakes Sites B1, A3 and C10. The toilets will be concrete aggregate vault toilets, designed to minimize smell to users.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposes to install vault toilets at the above sites. In the original environmental assessment (EA), Kokanee Bend was listed as one site where a vault toilet would be installed. Due to comments regarding use patterns, that toilet will be installed at Pressentine FAS instead of Kokanee Bend.

Public Comment:

Public notification was posted in the Daily Inter Lake, Whitefish Pilot, Western News, and Bigfork Eagle, in addition to the FWP Web site. No public comment was received.

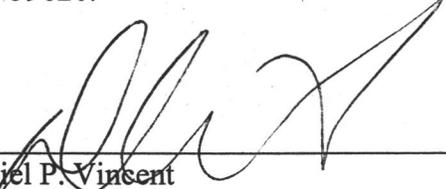
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis in the draft EA, I find installation of the vault toilets to be the preferred alternative. I have evaluated the draft and applicable laws, regulations, and policies, and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The final environmental assessment and the FONSI may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region One, 490 N. Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please direct requests and questions to:

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In accordance with FWP policy, an appeal may be made by any person who has either commented in writing to the department on the proposed project, or who has registered or commented orally at a public meeting held by the department on the proposed project, or who can provide new evidence that would otherwise change the proposed plan. An appeal must be submitted to the Director of FWP in writing and must be postmarked or received within 30 days of this decision notice. The appeal must describe the basis for the appeal, how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision making process, and how the department can provide relief. The appeal should be mailed to: Director; Fish, Wildlife & Parks; 1420 East 6th Avenue; Helena, MT 59620.



Daniel P. Vincent
Regional Supervisor

6/21/04
Date