Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
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NOTICE OF DECISION
July 6, 2004

Environmental Quality Council
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
- Parks Division
- Fisheries Division
- Wildlife Division
- Conservation & Education Division
- Design & Construction Bureau
- Commission Secretary
- Regional Office Managers

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Fort Peck Tribal Police Department
Wolf Point City Mayor, City Council,
Wolf Point Public Works Director
Roosevelt County Commissioners
Roosevelt County Sheriff

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The proposed action is to provide recreational improvements at the Lewis & Clark Fishing Access Site. The site is located on the north bank of the Missouri River, approximately six miles south of Wolf Point, Montana. After the purchase of this site from the City of Glasgow in 1999, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) has done minor improvements and seasonal upkeep. The proposed improvements would include the upgrade of the existing interior road system, provide a permanent concrete boat ramp, and establish and define a parking/turn-around area for vehicles with boat trailers. The improvements would also include additional parking for day-use visitors and directional and regulatory signing.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by MFWP for the proposed improvements. The draft EA was circulated for public comment for 30 days between May 24 and June 24, 2004. During this time period legal notices announcing the availability of the EA were published in the Wolf Point Herald News and the Wotanin Wowapi Weekly Indian Newspaper, as well as, Montana's electronic bulletin board. A news release describing the proposed improvements and the availability of the EA document were issued to newspapers throughout Montana. Also during this 30-day public comment period, Regional Parks Manager, Woody Baxter, presented the draft EA by attending a meeting of the Missouri River Country (Travel Montana) and distributed the draft EA at a meeting of the Fort Peck Community College Enterprise Community. A total of 38 people attended these two meetings.

No objections to the draft EA have been received; all verbal comments have been favorable. Therefore, my decision is to recommend proceeding with the construction of the improvements described in the EA. The draft EA will be finalized with no changes.

Thank you for your interest on this project.

Jim Satterfield
Regional Supervisor