



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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TO: Environmental Quality Council
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Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Council
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for paving the North Shore Parking Lot at Cooney State Park near Boyd, Montana. The draft EA was circulated for 30 days and legal notices were published on Montana's electronic bulletin board.

We received one comment from the Montana Historical Society stating they did not feel the project would have an impact on cultural resources at Cooney. We also wanted to clarify that the funding for this project was 75% Federal Wallop-Breaux and 25% Highway Fuel tax.

The department has decided to proceed with this project as described by the Environmental Assessment. This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director in writing, and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP might address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please address them to me at hguse@mt.gov or call me at 247-2946.

Sincerely,

Harold Guse

Acting Regional Supervisor