



**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS MEPA/NEPA CHECKLIST

MISSION. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations

All Montanans have the right to live in a clean and healthful environment. This brief environmental analysis is intended to provide an evaluation of the likely impacts to the human environment from proposed actions of the project cited below. This analysis will help Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to fulfill its oversight obligations and satisfy rules and regulations of both the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project sponsor has a responsibility to ensure that all impacts have been addressed. Some effects may be negative; others may be positive. Please provide a discussion for each section. If no impacts are likely, be sure to discuss the reasoning that led to your determination.

PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of proposed action.

Development

Renovation

Maintenance

Land Acquisition

Equipment Acquisition

Other (Describe)

2. If appropriate, agency responsible for the proposed action.
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3. Name, address phone number and E-mail address of project sponsor.

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4. Name of project.
Hell Creek State Park- Reconstruction of Private Concession Building and Related Facilities.

5. If applicable:

Estimated construction commencement date
March 2006

Estimated completion date
December 2006

Current status of project design (% complete)
10% - 15%

6. Location affected by proposed action (county, range and township).
T22N, R38E, S6; Garfield County

7. Project size: estimate the numbers of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

(a) Developed:
residential 0 acres
industrial..... 1.5 acres

(b) Open Space/Woodlands/
Recreation acres

(c) Wetlands/Riparian
Areas 0 acres

(d) Floodplain..... 0 acres

(e) Productive:
irrigated cropland 0 acres
dry cropland..... 0 acres
forestry 0 acres
rangeland 0 acres
other 0 acres

8. Map/site plan: attach an original 8 1/2" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.

9. **Narrative summary of the proposed action or project including the benefits and purpose of the proposed action.**

BACKGROUND:

Hell Creek State Park, 26 miles north of Jordan, Montana, is located on the south shore of the 150 mile long Fort Peck Reservoir. Hell Creek is the closest access point on Fort Peck to the Interstate Highway system and Montana's major population centers. Due to that fact, the park serves as the major access point to the south shore of the reservoir for boaters and boating anglers. Efforts by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Fisheries Division and Walleyes Unlimited of Montana in the mid-1980s resulted in a dramatic increase in both the size and number of walleyes in the reservoir. Hell Creek State Park has seen a four fold increase in visitation over the past seven years. These visitors come from the mid-western states, Colorado and all the larger cities and towns in Montana. Visitors often camp in the park for a week or longer and boat from the park daily to the popular fishing areas.

Along with the increase in visitation and park improvements, visitors are now often traveling from further distances with intentions of staying longer and therefore with higher expectations. Hell Creek State Park's users have gone from the traditional weekend fishermen to entire families vacationing at the park for one to two weeks.

The concession enhances the visitors experiences by providing additional goods and services such as boat and room rentals, bait, groceries, basic fishing equipment and restaurant services. The concession also hosts dances and other opportunities for social activities. On Tuesday, December 6, 2005, the Hell Creek Marina main building was destroyed by a fire. The motel units survived the fire, however, the main building and its contents were completely destroyed.

The concession area consists of privately owned buildings on public land. The area is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers, leased to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and sublet to the concessionaire. The lease is for a term of twenty years commencing January 1, 1999 and ending December 31, 2018.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

Hell Creek State Park- Reconstruction of Private Concession Building and Related Facilities.

Specifically, the proposed project will:

- **Reconstruct and expand the main concession building.** Included within are a store, restaurant and bar on the ground floor, which will be completely handicapped accessible. The second story will consist of four rental rooms with kitchenettes. In order to comply with existing building codes and to offer the same popular goods and services the new building will be larger than the original building. The new building will be 90'x70' = 6,300 sq. ft. The original building was approximately 4200 sq. ft.
- **Construct a sea wall into the emergency flood pool area of the reservoir in order to accommodate the larger building without reducing size of existing parking area.** The fill for the wall is proposed to come from the reservoir bed, pending permit approval. The length of the wall is proposed to be 450' and approximately 15' high.
- **Enlarge and Relocate Parking Area.** Space for customer parking has been at a premium in the immediate vicinity of the concession building. This problem is acerbated during periods of higher reservoir levels. Concessionaire's reconstruction plans will ease this problem by expanding the existing parking lot to the north of the concession building. This will be accomplished by extending the

- sea wall to the north of the concession building and backfilling with soil excavated from the reservoir bed, immediately below the sea wall.
- Reconstruction of the concession building will enable Park managers and the concessionaire to meet visitor expectations and enhance the recreational experience for campers by having the ability to offer additional services and activities such as boat rentals, fishing and camping supplies, food, groceries and a place to socialize.

Attached are 8 1/2 x 11 details of architectural plans and a site location map.

Request and Importance of Public Comment:

Because the proposed action is on public land, the MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act) process must take place. MEPA expands the public right to participate in the decisions of state government. The information required, requires thoughtful, informed and deliberate consideration of the consequences and impacts of state actions. One of the goals of MEPA is to “foster wise actions and better decisions by state agencies. This is accomplished by ensuring that relevant environmental information is available to public officials *before* decisions are made and *before* actions are taken. There are two central requirements:

- Agencies must consider the effects of pending decisions on the environment and on people prior to making each decision.
- Agencies must ensure that the public is informed of and participates in the decision making process.

Benefits of public participation are:

- Early identification and proper study of relevant issues.
- Early identification and elimination from further study of irrelevant issues.
- Broad information base upon which decisions are made.
- Clarification of the public’s concerns and values.
- Support for decision makers to make better decisions.
- Increased likelihood of successful implementation.

Specifically pertaining to the proposed project, several actions make an environmental assessment mandatory according to The Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM 12.8.602).

- New buildings constructed (with exception of vault latrines and other buildings under 100 square feet).
- Any excavation of 20 cubic yards or greater.
- New parking lots built over undisturbed land or the expansion of an existing lot that increases the parking capacity by 25 % or greater.
- Any new shoreline alteration that exceeds a double wide boat ramp or handicapped fishing station.
- Any new construction into lakes, reservoirs or streams.
- All proposed improvement or development projects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if they would significantly change park or fishing access site features or use patterns, including the cumulative effects of a series of individual projects.

10. Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the required no action alternative) to the proposed action whenever alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider and a comparison of the alternatives with the proposed action/preferred alternative:

No Action- The no action alternative will leave the concession area in its current state, though somewhat functional, the concessionaire's ability to meet the public's needs, requests and or expectations is and will continue to be greatly diminished.

11. Listing of each local, state or federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction.

(a) Permits		
<u>Agency Name:</u>	<u>Permit:</u>	<u>Date Filed:</u>
Department of Labor and Industry, Building Codes Bureau	Building Permit	Unknown
Army Corps of Engineers	404 Permit	Unknown
Department of Environmental Quality/Garfield County Sanitarian	Wastewater/Septic Permit	Unknown

(b) Funding	
<u>Name:</u>	<u>Funding Amount:</u>
Private Funding	Unknown

(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities	
<u>Agency Name:</u>	<u>Type of Responsibility:</u>
Army Corps of Engineers	Landowner

12. List of agencies consulted during preparation of this Environmental Checklist:
Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Peck, Montana

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PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Land Resources” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on land resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

1. LAND RESOURCES Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		x				
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?			x			
c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		x				
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?			x			
e. Exposure of people or property to earthquakes, landslides, ground failure, or other natural hazard?			x			
f. Other						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

- b.** Concession reconstruction will result in some disruption, displacement, compaction, and over-covering during the construction phase. This same area was previously disturbed during the construction of the original building.
- d.** There will be a retaining wall built into the emergency flood pool of the reservoir. Fill material for the retaining wall will come from the reservoir bed.
- e.** Minor risk of landslide should the retaining wall fail catastrophically.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Air” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on air resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

2. AIR Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality? (also see 13 (c))			X			
b. Creation of objectionable odors?			X			
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
e. Any discharge that will conflict with federal or state air quality regs?		X				
f. Other						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

a. During construction equipment emissions will contain some pollutants.

b. During construction equipment emissions will contain some odors. Following project completion, the reduction in use of gasoline and diesel powered equipment will reduce exhaust odors.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Water” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on water resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

3. WATER Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		X				
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?		X				
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of floodwater or other flows?		X				
d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
j. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
k. Effects on other users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
l. Effects to a designated floodplain?		X				
m. Any discharge that will affect federal or state water quality regulations?		X				
n. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

None of the items addressed in this checklist would be applicable.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Vegetation” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on vegetative resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

4. VEGETATION Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?			X			
b. Alteration of a plant community?			X			
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?			X			
f. Effects to wetlands or prime and unique farmland?		X				
g. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

- a. The project site plan calls for additional trees and shrubs to be planted.
- b. During the construction phase, plant communities will be disrupted in the site locations.
- c. None
- e. Potential for importation of weeds onto disturbed soils that will be re-vegetated. Site already monitored for weeds.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Fish/Wildlife” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on fish and wildlife resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

5. FISH/WILDLIFE Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?		X				
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game animals or bird species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?		X				
h. Adverse effects to threatened/endangered species or their habitat?		X				
i. Introduction or exportation of any species not presently or historically occurring in the affected location?		X				
j. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

None of the items addressed in this checklist would be applicable.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Noise/Electrical Effects” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects of noise and electrical activities. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

6. NOISE/ELECTRICAL EFFECTS Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Increases in existing noise levels?			X			
b. Exposure of people to severe or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Creation of electrostatic or electromagnetic effects that could be detrimental to human health or property?		X				
d. Interference with radio or television reception and operation?		X				
e. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

- a. Minor increase in existing noise levels during the construction phase.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Land Use” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on land use. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects.

7. LAND USE Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?			X			
b. A conflict with a designated natural area or area of unusual scientific or educational importance?		X				
c. A conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Adverse effects on, or relocation of, residences?		X				
e. Compliance with existing land policies for land use, transportation, and open space?		X				
f. Increased traffic hazards, traffic volume, or speed limits or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?			X			
g. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

- a. Without the action recommended in this document, profitability of existing land use will diminish substantially.
- f. May result in minor increase in the number of visitors to the Park who may stay for longer periods of time. Also, during construction, material deliveries etc... may increase traffic beyond the norm for a short period of time.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Risk/Health Hazards” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects of risks and health hazards. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects of the action as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

8. RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Risk of an explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?		X				
b. Effects on existing emergency response or emergency evacuation plan or create need for a new plan?		X				
c. Creation of any human health hazard or potential hazard?		X				
d. Disturbance to any sites with known or potential deposits of hazardous materials?		X				
e. The use of any chemical toxicants?		X				
f. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

None of the items addressed in this checklist would be applicable.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Community Impact” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on the community. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?		X				
b. Alteration of the social structure of a community?		X				
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?		X				
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?		X				
e. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?			X			
f. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

e. During the construction phase, delivery of materials etc... may increase effects for a short period of time.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Public Services/Taxes/Utilities” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on public services, taxes and utilities. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

10. PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. An effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered, governmental services in any of the following areas: fire or police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, roads or other public maintenance, water supply, sewer or septic systems, solid waste disposal, health, or other governmental services? If so, specify:		X				
b. Effects on the local or state tax base and revenues?			X			
c. A need for new facilities or substantial alterations of any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?		X				
d. Increased used of any energy source?			X			
e. Other.						
Additional information requested:						
f. Define projected revenue sources.						
g. Define projected maintenance costs.						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

- b. The new building may/will have a higher taxable value.
- d. The larger building may require more energy to illuminate or heat and cool though better insulation will keep increases to a minimum.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Aesthetics/Recreation” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on aesthetics & recreation. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

11. AESTHETICS/RECREATION Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?		X				
c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings? (Attach Tourism Report)		X				
d. Adverse effects to any designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, trails or wilderness areas?		X				
e. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

None of the items in this checklist would be applicable.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Cultural/historical Resources” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects on cultural/historical resources. Even if you checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

12. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric historic, or paleontological importance?		X				
b. Physical changes that would affect unique cultural values?		X				
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				
d. Adverse effects to historic or cultural resources?		X				
e. Other:						

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

a. The area is known for its paleontological resources, however, the sites identified for development are located on soils from a different geological formation thus eliminating any chance for disturbance of said sites.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. At the bottom of this “Summary Evaluation of Significance” checklist, provide a narrative description and evaluation of the cumulative and secondary effects. Even if you have checked “none” in the above table, explain how you came to that conclusion. Consider the immediate, short-term effects as well as the long-term effects. Attach additional pages of narrative if needed.

13. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE	IMPACT				Can Impact Be Mitigated	Comment Index
	Unknown	None	Minor	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:						
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or program may result in impacts on two or more separate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?		X				
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements of any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		X				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?		X				
f. Have organized opposition or generate substantial public controversy?		X				
Additional information requested:						
g. List any federal or state permits required.	State Building Code Permit Corps of Engineers 404 Permit					

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION AND EVALUATION:

None of the items in this checklist are applicable.

PART III. ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST CONCLUSION SECTION

1. Discuss the cumulative and secondary effects of this project as a whole.
The project is anticipated to have positive cumulative effects for the public. Increased visitor satisfaction with the service options the concessionaire helps state parks provide.
2. Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this Environmental Checklist (Part II), is an EIS required?

YES _____

NO _____

If an EIS is not required, explain why the current checklist level of review is appropriate.

The current checklist level of review is appropriate because the project involves work inside a previously developed recreation area. . The project will have no significant or long lasting impacts on water, air, human health etc...

3. Describe the public involvement for this project.
The EA will be put out for a public comment period by means of:
 - The cover sheet with direct mailing to known and potentially interested members of the public, Governmental organizations, and others.
 - Legal notices will be placed in the Jordan newspaper, the Billings Gazette, Helena Independent Record and the Miles City Star.
 - The E.A. is available for public review and comment via the Fish, Wildlife and Parks website at <http://fwp.state.mt.us> and Walleyes Unlimited website at <http://walleyesunlimited.com> .
4. What was the duration of the public comment period? A 30-day public comment period will extend through **March 10, 2006.**

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Affected Environment – The aspects of the human environment that may change as a result of an agency action.

Alternative – A different approach to achieve the same objective or result as the proposed action.

Categorical Exclusion – A level of environmental review for agency action that do not individually, collectively, or cumulatively cause significant impacts to the human environment, as determined by rulemaking or programmatic review, and for which an EA or EIS is not required.

Cumulative Impacts – Impacts to the human environment that, individually, may be minor for a specific project, but, when considered in relation to other actions, may result in significant impacts.

Direct Impacts – Primary impacts that have a direct cause and effect relationship with a specific action, i.e. they occur at the same time and place as the action that causes the impact.

Environmental Assessment (EA) – The appropriate level of environmental review for actions that either does not significantly affect the human environment or for which the agency is uncertain whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

Environmental Assessment Checklist – An EA checklist is a standard form of an EA, developed by an agency for actions that generally produce minimal impacts.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – A comprehensive evaluation of the impacts to the human environment that likely would result from an agency action or reasonable alternatives to that action. An EIS also serves a public disclosure of agency decision-making. Typically, an EIS is prepared in two steps. The Draft EIS is a preliminary detailed written statement that facilitates public review and comment. The Final EIS is a completed, written statement that includes a summary of major conclusions and supporting information from the Draft EIS, responses to substantive comments received on the Draft EIS, a list of all comments on the Draft EIS and any revisions made to the Draft EIS and an explanation of the agency's reasons for its decision.

Environmental Review – An evaluation, prepared in compliance with the provisions of MEPA and the MEPA Model Rules, of the impacts to the human environment that may result as a consequence of an agency action.

Human Environment – Those attributes, including but not limited to biological, physical, social, economic, cultural, and aesthetic factors that interrelate to form the environment.

Long-Term Impact – An impact, which lasts well beyond the period of the initial project.

Mitigated Environmental Assessment – The appropriate level of environmental review for actions that normally would require an EIS, except that the state agency can impose designs, enforceable controls, or stipulations to reduce the otherwise significant impacts to below the level of significance. A mitigated EA must demonstrate that: (1) all impacts have been identified; (2) all impacts can be mitigated below the level of significance; and (3) no significant impact is likely to occur.

Mitigation – An enforceable measure(s), designed to reduce or prevent undesirable effects or impacts of the proposed action.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – The federal counterpart of MEPA that applies only to federal actions.

No Action Alternative – An alternative, required by the MEPA Model Rules for purposes of analysis, that describes the agency action that would result in the least change to the human environment.

Public Participation – The process by which an agency includes interested and affected individuals, organizations, and agencies in decision making.

Record of Decision – Concise public notice that announces the agency’s decision, explains the reason for that decision, and describes any special conditions related to implementation of the decision.

Scoping – The process, including public participation, that an agency uses to define the scope of the environmental review.

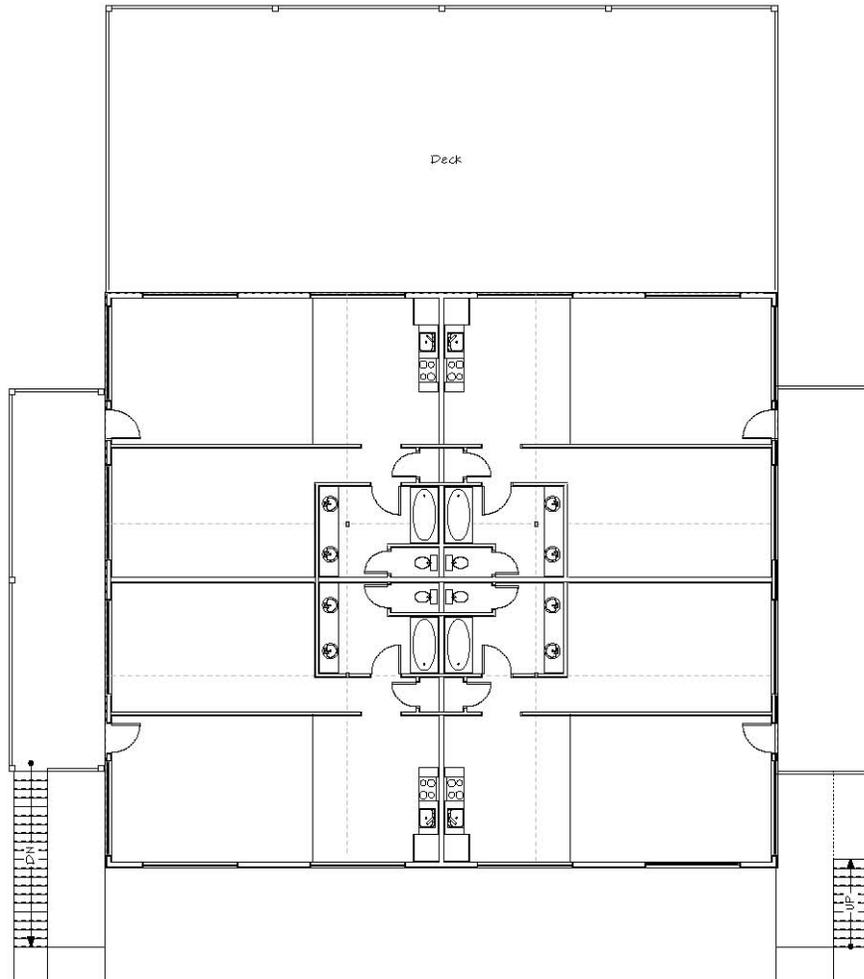
Secondary Impacts – Impacts to the human environment that are indirectly related to the agency action, i.e. they are induced by a direct impact and occur at a later time or distance from the triggering action.

Short-Term Impact – An impact directly associated with a project that is of relatively short duration.

Significance – The process of determining whether the impacts of a proposed action are serious enough to warrant the preparation of an EIS. An impact may be adverse, beneficial or both. If none of the adverse impacts are significant, an EIS is not required.

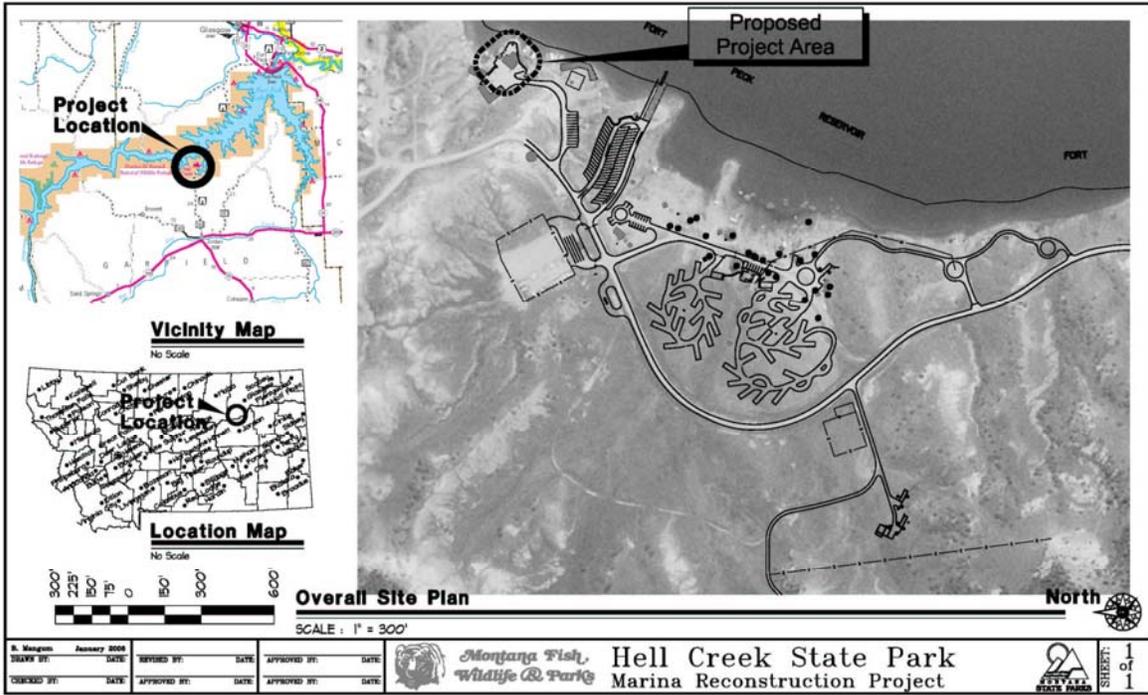
Supplemental Review – A modification of a previous environmental review document (EA or EIS) based on changes in the proposed action, the discovery of new information, or the need for additional evaluation.

Tiering – Preparing an environmental review by focusing specifically on narrow scope of issues because the broader scope of issues was adequately addressed in previous environmental review document(s) that may be incorporated by reference.



Upper Floor of Building





300'	225'	150'	75'	0	75'	150'	225'	300'	600'
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