



NOTICE OF DECISION

June 29, 2006

2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The attached decision notice approves placement of concrete vault latrines at Two Leggins, General Custer and Grant Marsh Fishing Access Sites.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

This project will place new concrete vault latrines at three fishing access sites along the Bighorn River in Big Horn County. There are no existing bathroom facilities at these sites so this project will provide basic and necessary sanitary facilities for the public.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

This notice constitutes the public process for this project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A "Programmatic Latrine Placement Environmental Review" and corresponding September 1, 2000 decision notice allowed for replacement of existing and placing of new latrines at FWP sites statewide without a separate environmental review. This project falls within the scope of that decision.

DECISION

Based on the analysis from the 2000 environmental review and decision notice, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action and proceed with installation of three latrines. Installation of these latrines will meet the following criteria, as required in the 2000 decision.

1. Any required permits will be secured prior to any land disturbance.
2. The latrines will be more than 50 feet from surface water.
3. The ground being disturbed by this project is free of unique, rare, threatened or endangered plant species.
4. The latrines will be located to provide proper placement and solar exposure with minimal removal of vegetation.
5. State Historic Preservation Office clearance has been obtained in writing – this document is on file at the Region Five FWP office.
6. Placement of the latrines has considered site use patterns.

7. The latrines are being placed in locations that will minimize visibility from the Bighorn River.
8. The latrines will be placed in a relatively level area to minimize erosion.
9. Disturbed areas associated with excavation will be reseeded to minimize erosion and the establishment of noxious weeds.

The Decision Notice may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the above address or online at http://fwp.mt.gov/public_notices/.

Please direct any further requests or questions to Gary Hammond, Regional Supervisor, at the address above, (406) 247-2951 or ghammond@mt.gov.

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