



## **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

### **NOTICE OF DECISION**

July 31, 2006

PO Box 1630  
Miles City MT 59301

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The attached decision notice approves the Hell Creek State Park Electrical and Water System upgrade project outlined in our June 2006 Environmental Assessment.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

Specifically, the proposed project will:

- Provide electrical service at the developed camp loops in the main campground. This would consist of (43) camp pads offering electrical service; 43 is the correct number of camp pads; we used the number 46 in the EA.
- Reduce generator use, which in turn will reduce noise in the campground.
- Rebury and extend new water lines into the campground, administrative area, and employee housing area.
- Install a lift station to the existing drain field.
- Replace existing wellhead.

#### **PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT**

The public comment period began June 21, 2006 and ran through July 26, 2006. Legal notices were on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board and copies of the Environmental Assessment were distributed to various individuals, organizations, and county, state and federal agencies. Three comments were received with all three in support of the project, however, one comment mentioned the electrical service should be provided by the current concessionaire. Current plans allow for the possibility of the concession to offer electrical hookups on the concession lease area.

#### **DECISION**

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the electrification of camp loops and upgrade of the existing water system project as identified in the EA. The project should begin early this fall.

The only modification to the Draft EA is the correction of the number of camp pads as noted above. The Draft EA, together with the Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

The EA and 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/publicnotices/> .

Please direct any further requests or questions to Bryce Christensen, Regional Supervisor, at the address above, (406) 234-0900 or [bchristensen@mt.gov](mailto:bchristensen@mt.gov).



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