



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2
3201 Spurgin Road
Missoula, MT 59804
December 3, 2007

Dear FWP Commissioners and Interested Citizens:

Thank you for your thoughtful reviews and comments on a proposal by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to purchase a conservation easement on 204.5 acres of the Brown Valley Ranch. The subject lands are located adjacent to property owned by FWP within the Threemile Wildlife Management Area, in Ravalli County.

Enclosed is a decision document in which I explain my rationale for recommending that the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission complete this transaction as proposed. I accept the information presented in the draft environmental assessment, socio-economic assessment, and management plan as final. Please feel free to contact me if you are missing any portion of this documentation package.

The decision document also displays public comments on the proposed purchase, and explains how FWP considered and incorporated these comments in formulating a recommendation.

FWP will request approval for the purchase of a conservation easement on the subject lands at the monthly Commission meeting scheduled for November 29 at FWP headquarters in Helena. This meeting is open to the public, as are other regularly scheduled Commission meetings.

Please call me at 542-5500 with any questions you may have. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mack Long

Mack Long
Regional Supervisor

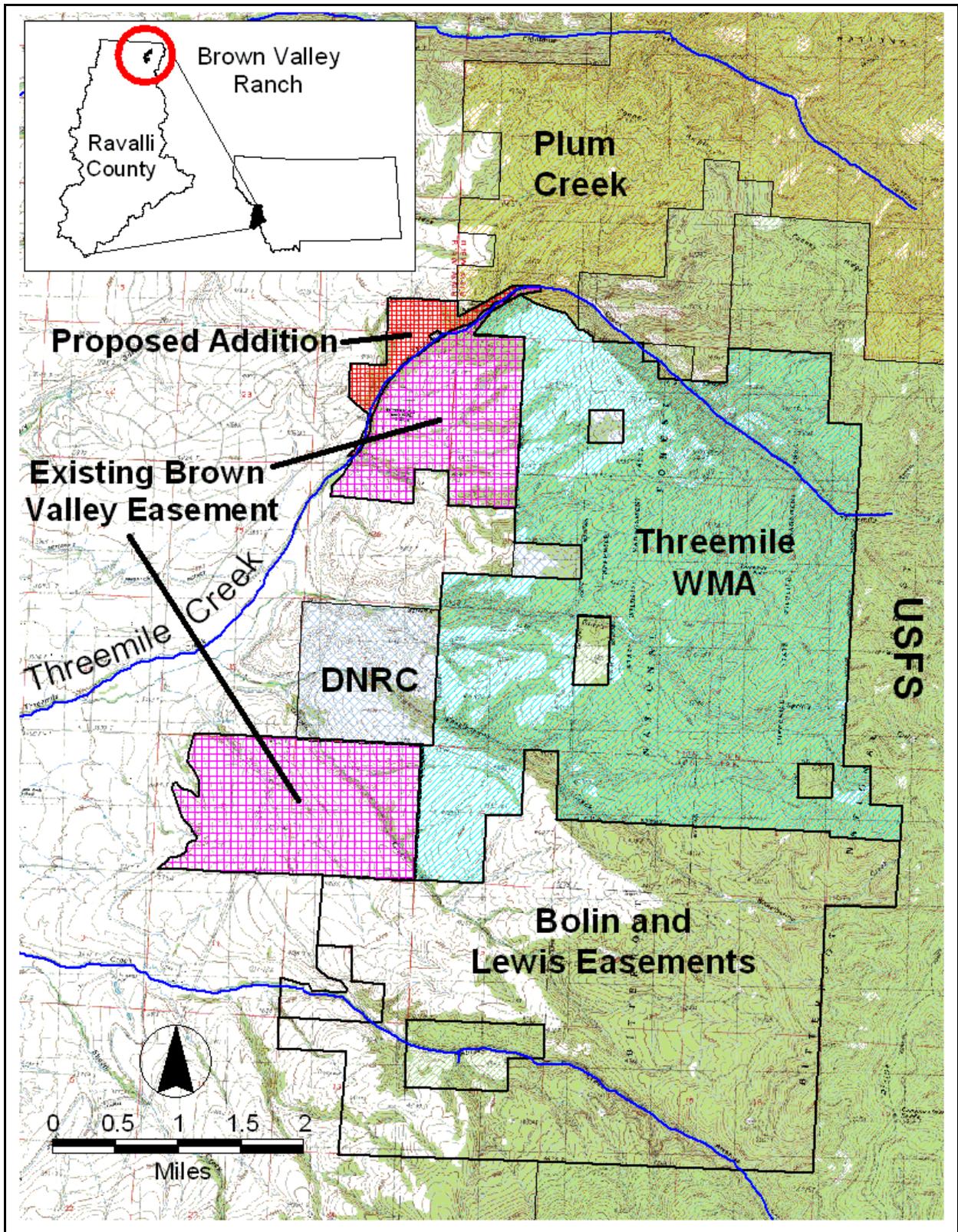


DECISION NOTICE
Addition to the Brown Valley Conservation Easement
December 3, 2007



Proposal

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to expand the land area subject to the existing 1,869-acre Brown Valley Conservation Easement in Ravalli County by 204.5 acres, to include approximately 2 miles of riparian habitat along Three Mile Creek. The price of the proposed easement addition would be \$45,399, to be funded by the FWP Habitat Montana Program. This purchase price was calculated by applying the same rate per acre (\$222) as Brown Valley and FWP agreed upon in 1995. FWP and the Ranch propose to add the acres to the easement area by replacing the original recorded easement document with a Restatement of Deed of Conservation Easement in December 2007. This Restatement would add the 204.5 acres to the legal description of the easement, bringing the total Brown Valley easement to 2,073.39 acres, but would otherwise preserve the original purposes and terms (although some wording



would be improved to clarify the intent and effect of the terms). An updated Management Plan, to which FWP and Brown Valley Ranch have agreed, is also part of this proposed transaction.

The original Brown Valley Conservation Easement was established and enacted by the Ranch and FWP on December 18, 1995 to endure in perpetuity in memory of Wallace B. Brown. This original action was the culmination of an advertised public involvement process, based on an environmental assessment, management plan and socio-economic assessment prepared by FWP, and was approved by the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission and State Board of Land Commissioners. In December 1999, the Ranch acquired Plum Creek lots located within the outer perimeter of the easement area, totaling 68.42 acres. After review by the public and the Commission, FWP subsequently purchased an easement on this acquired acreage and replaced the original recorded easement document with a Restatement of Deed of Conservation Easement in December 2000. FWP and Brown Valley Ranch also agreed upon an updated, revised Management Plan for the Brown Valley Conservation Easement at that time.

Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Process

FWP prepared an environmental assessment pursuant to MEPA, and a management plan and socio-economic assessment pursuant to the 1987 act of the Montana legislature known as House Bill 526. FWP made these documents available during a 30-day public comment period that began on October 16 and ended on November 14, 2007. FWP advertised the public comment period and the availability of the proposal documentation by legal notice, and verification of publication has been received from *The Bitterroot Star* (Stevensville, Oct. 17); *Independent Record* (Helena, Oct. 16); *Great Falls Tribune* (Oct. 14); *Missoulian* (Oct. 18); *Montana Standard* (Butte, Oct. 17); and *Ravalli Republic* (Hamilton, Oct. 18). This documentation was available in its entirety on FWP's Internet web site (www.fwp.mt.gov) for the duration of the public comment period. FWP distributed 34 personal notifications of the documentation immediately before the public comment period began, and responded to additional requests as they were received. At the beginning of the comment period, FWP contacted all landowners with property located adjacent to the subject lands, and the Ravalli County planning authority. In addition, the *Bitterroot Star* printed an illustrated, feature article about the proposal on the front page of its issue dated October 31, 2007.

A public hearing was held on November 8, 2007, at the St. Mary's Family Center in Stevensville, about 7 miles from Brown Valley Ranch. This hearing date was advertised in the proposal documentation, in the legal notice listed previously, and on FWP's Internet web site. The content of the legal notice is attached (Appendix 1).

Summary of Public Comment

Eighteen (18) individuals and/or organizations participated in the public involvement process by commenting on the draft proposal, requesting clarification, and/or attending the public hearing. Eight (8) people attended the hearing (excluding members of the Brown family), and 4 provided oral testimony. FWP received 8 written responses to the proposal (7 emails and 1 letter), and 1 comment by telephone. Included among the respondents were the Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association (sportsmen's organization), hunters who use the adjacent

Threemile WMA, neighbors to the Brown Valley Ranch, and the Chair of the Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners.

All 13 comments were in support of the proposed purchase of the 204.5-acre conservation easement. A transcript of the comment recorded at the public hearing, as well as the text from the emails and letter are preserved as part of the public record, as follows.

Brown Valley Conservation Easement Meeting
(For the Addition of 204.5 Acres)
Public Meeting Comments
November 8, 2007

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Ira Holt
548 Cielo Vista
Hamilton

It is just about straight across, west of Corvallis. I am a member of Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association and first off I'd like to say that at our general meeting on October 15, just a couple of weeks ago the club did vote to support this addition to the easement.

We voted to send a letter. I talked to our President, Dave Majors, today and he assures me he's got it on his to do list. He has not written the letter yet but I did give him a few items to put in the letter if he so chooses. We are firmly in favor of this easement.

It's a valuable addition to the surrounding area. Prevents development in the area, which is a concern of mine also. Some of you may know I've been working real hard on stream side set backs the last couple three years now and the protection of riparian areas is very important to me personally and I think this does protect some riparian area.

One additional comment I'd like to make at this time is that in talking to other people and sort of in the rumor mill it appears that some, at least of any possible opposition to this easement might be the fact that there is no access allowed in the easement. And I'd like to say that I moved here about 20 years ago. One of the first things I did when I moved was get involved in the Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association. They talked me into making a trip to Helena to testify at the Legislature on something called House Bill 526 which was the start of what we know today as Habitat Montana. It is where most of the money comes from for this kind of easement. And I'd like to say I have been involved in that ever since and I know that the law is habitat law. It provides for habitat. Access is not part of the law. Most of the easements that have been obtained under Habitat Montana do include access. And I think I would like to commend both the Department and Commission on the fact that they do include access, but it is not a requirement. And if the land is valuable enough with out access then we should procure it. The fact that the habitat is there is the important part of it. There are other programs that provide for access. I think that anybody objecting to this on the basis that it doesn't provide access doesn't really have a good valid point. Thank you.

John Vore	Thank you, Ira.
Virginia Brown	I'd like to thank Mike Thompson particularly because he started with us on all these things and has been helpful and also out on the ranch and then when I think of the work you have been doing with the surveying and mapping and all of that, we all appreciate that. And I want you to know that.
John Vore	Thank you.
Virginia Brown	Thank you
John Vore	Thank You
Deb Goslin 1436 Middle Burnt Fork Road Stevensville	<p>I have enjoyed being along the road near the Brown Valley Ranch. For the past 10 years I've been doing a breeding bird survey on a 25-mile stretch of road that starts up at Cinnamon Bear Saddle and comes down through Ambrose and up through Three Mile Creek and through the Brown Valley Ranch up to the first switch back there.</p> <p>And I've also helped with some restoration last year, planting trees and moving logs, and things to help the creek, so, I really enjoy that stretch of creek. In those 10 years, I have noticed some changes along that route and along with changes in housing and housing density comes changes in the bird populations. And that is what I have noticed. There was one place along the Ambrose side. The Ambrose grass lands that was – saw several unusual birds that I don't usually find in the Bitterroot. And now that there are more houses there, things like the long-billed curlew, the horned lark, the willow fly catcher, the yellow warbler, sage thrasher, grasshopper sparrow, short-eared owls, I have not seen them in the past several years since there has been more houses in the Ambrose area. So when I get to the Brown Valley Ranch, and there on up into the woods and I have seen Jan there working along the fence sometimes. I really look forward to every spot, I say, well this should be the lazuli bunting spot, and this should be the – where I can expect to see all these birds and that part has stayed the same, I am happy to say.</p> <p>The topography there on the east side, I feel is very unique. You don't, I mean with the elevation, it's different from the west side. I feel the mixture of the pines and the grasslands and the riparian is very unique situation and creates a unique edge effect that is so important to wildlife. So, since we can't do much about the middle stretch of Three Mile Creek which is mostly privately owned, I support this addition of the two hundred acres so that we can keep the beginning of Three Mile Creek wild and the end of Three Mile Creek wild. So, I am in support of this.</p>
Michael Howell Publisher of the	Conservation easements, I believe, are one of the most valuable tools we've got in our valley for preserving a lot of things, open space, views,

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and wildlife habitat. I think we owe the Browns an enormous amount of gratitude for all that they have already done along those lines, with their initial easements, their initial sale of the land for the Three Mile game preserve and the stream reclamation work that they've done along the stream already.

All of that is extremely valuable and this latest piece that they are willing to place an easement on is especially critical in this mosaic in that it protects a long stretch of Three Mile Creek on one side that was unprotected. It's got a road by the area that does allow passage through and the chance for wildlife viewing is pretty good through that area. I have been there several times. They have managed the land in other respects very well too, with their timber harvest programs. I think they have just done an excellent job and this is just a wonderful addition to the whole thing. Thank you.

John Vore

Thank you.

Jim Rokosch
463 Ridge Road
Stevensville

I want to just make a few comments from a few different perspectives. I've had the pleasure and I will say the honor to get to know Virginia and Jan. Worked with them over the past several years. It is good to finally meet you.

As a biologist, an aquatic biologist, been involved with a fair number of the projects in the last few years along the creek and this particular section that is in the proposed easement area, involved with some of the riparian restoration work there and related to that was – got involved with a lot of things beyond the creek, with helping with some of the weed management and some range management, some efforts to get some water development which is an adventure every where in Montana. Certainly an adventure on that project but to try to look at some different ways manage cattle grazing and improve the range and serendipitously improve wildlife habitat as well.

And that work has involved a lot of partnering entities from Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Forest Service, to different non-governmental organizations like the Tri-State Water Quality Council, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the National Forest Foundation, the Bitterroot Water Forum. A lot of folks have participated in the efforts in this area and really built upon the work that Virginia and her family has done on the ranch.

It's just been again a great privilege and an honor to have been able to work with the family and be a part, take part in their stewardship of the area that has definitely provided great benefit as a public resource. When I think of Virginia, the work legacy comes to mind. And I have heard

Jim Rokosch
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Virginia talk about the concept of legacy. And Virginia and her family really know what that word really means. It's looking a little bit beyond the here and now, you know, and leaving, thinking about the footprints that we leave behind for the children, grandchildren, you know, and their grandchildren. So, Logan you've got a great family and someone to be proud of and I certainly got to know you a little bit on some of those projects, you know, and I'm sure that you're going to keep that concept of legacy, you know, alive and well.

I happen to be one of the County Commissioners here in Ravalli County now. I would like to speak just a little bit from that perspective. We're at a real cross roads in Ravalli County and the pressures to develop land are very intense. I deal with it on a daily basis and we are engaged in a number of areas to try to address that growth and development and try to manage it in a way that we don't jeopardize the very qualities of life that are attracting a lot of people to the Bitterroot Valley. And a great part of that attraction is our wildlife heritage. And as we all know, the wildlife has to have wildlife habitat or as Deb so, you know, stated that as things change when that habitat changes we stand to lose some of the great diversity and you know the value of wildlife that we have that not only speaks to the quality of life that we enjoy but there's great economic value in that as well. And if we don't approach the growth in development in a managed sort of way, we will make mistakes today that are going to be very hard if at all possible to reverse. So, I really hope that the Commission and the Land Board would consider, you know, the role that they have to play. County government, we're trying to step up to the plate and address growth management through management through working towards zoning and other means.

But this program, conservation easements, is a particularly valuable tool and maybe one of the most valuable tools, you know, to conserve our heritage of great habitat and great wildlife in the Bitterroot Valley and in the State of Montana. So, I hope they will keep that in mind in roles that we can all play and the different entities can play with this. And I want to commend the Department and in particular you, John, and Mike, you know, for all the past efforts and the on-going efforts, you know, to work, to trying to bring balance to the considerations of managing growth, you know, here in the Bitterroot and in western Montana.

And lastly, I'd like to speak a little bit just as a private citizen and a hunter. I lived in that area and it has become a very special place. It was a very special place to me before I ever had the pleasure of really meeting Virginia and her family.

Jim Rokosch

And I have been hunting up in that area, in the wildlife management area

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since I first moved to the valley in 1983, twenty four years ago. And as previously, some comments, Ira Holt made – had some testimony, that you know, there is some concern about public access with respect to conservation easements. I’ve got to tell you the last elk that I was blest with being able to bring home happened, I watched from the wildlife management area and watched the elk graze and move on the Brown Valley Ranch conservation easement and was patient enough to let them come on down to the wildlife management area where I was blest with being able bring, take, bring one home. So, there, and I’m sure I am only one and I know of many other anecdotal tales where the wildlife habitat, wildlife is definitely enjoying the habitat there on the conservation easement, you know, and hunters are certainly are – do have access to a lot of those animals as they move between the wildlife management area and the conservation easement.

So, again the habitat program doesn’t demand public access and again there are other programs in place to address that so I hope that that, you know, the focus of this program will focus on the habitat, habitat value and especially the riparian. The opportunity to, in this particular addition, to gain protection of some very valued riparian habitat on Three Mile Creek.

I, as a fisheries biologist, this particular section is a transition area between non native brook trout and native westslope cutthroat trout. And at this particular stretch, this one mile stretch, really serves, in-fact is the transition point where the two populations are basically sorting things out. And there is interest in terms of native fisheries restoration in Three Mile Creek and potentially trying to improve conditions and improve the population of native westslope cutthroat trout. In this particular reach is again the transition section, if you will, or marks the transition section between those populations. So, I think it has particular and special, if not unique, value at this point in time. Would like to note that too. Again, thank you so much, Virginia, and, you know, Susan and Jan and Dave Logan and the rest of the family for your great, you know, realization and epitimization of the concept of legacy.

John Vore

Thank you, Jim. If ____ nothing, then we will end this portion of the public testimony for the Brown Valley Easement Addition, and, ah ____ (tape stopped)

From: Betsy and Jay [diamondback@cybernet1.com]
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 12:20 PM
To: jvore@mt.gov
Cc: diamondback@cybernet1.com
Subject: Brown Valley Conservation easement EA

To John Vore:

I'm commenting on the proposed restatement of deed of Brown Valley Conservation Easement and addition of 204.5 acres.

I support the proposed action. It will apparently help the elk winter range and will maintain open space.

I support protection of prey populations of elk and mule deer.

I was unable to attend the public hearing. I had a question about the easement. Will the easement allow subdivision?

Thanks for the opportunity to comment,

Elizabeth Ballard
1171 Ambrose Creek Rd
Stevensville, MT 59870

From: Skip & Margaret [skipnmar@bitterroot.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2007 10:57 AM
To: jvore@mt.gov
Cc: skipnmar@bitterroot.com
Subject: Brown Valley Ranch Conservation Easement Addition

Dear John,

My wife and I support MT FWP's acquisition of an additional 200 plus acres to its conservation easement on the Brown Valley Ranch. My wife, Margaret Gorski, and I view this property from the road during our frequent walks along Three Mile Creek. The property provides quality riparian habitat along the creek and quality big game winter range as well.

My wife and I have lived on Wheelbarrow Creek Road for 17 years and have observed quality wildlife habitat, including big game winter range, be lost or made unavailable to wildlife because of increased residential development. Although we recognize that continued development is

inevitable, we support FWP's efforts to retain priority riparian and winter range habitats. It only seems logical that FWP would focus on protecting and enhancing habitat on and around its existing properties. This addition, to an already existing easement, would preclude development on a valuable portion of the Brown Valley Ranch and would further protect wintering deer and elk on FWP's Three Mile Game Range.

Although my wife and I hunt and fish, we have no problem with the Brown family not permitting hunting on their property. Maintaining their property in agriculture at least provides opportunities for wildlife viewing and helps the big game make it through the critical winter period.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on your proposal. We hope that you are successful in using some of your license fee revenues to add to the effectiveness of the Three Mile Game Range.

Sincerely,

Gerald "Skip" Kowalski

From: rkarr [rkarr@wildblue.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 1:42 PM
To: jvore@mt.gov
Subject: Brown Valley Conservation Easement

John Vore, MFW&P:
I support the addition to the Brown Ranch conservation Easement.
Sincerely, Raymond W. Karr
85 Edge Dr. Stevensville, MT 59870
phone; 777-1171

November 13, 2007
From: Dave & Carolyn Majors [cdmajors@cybernet1.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 6:11 PM
To: John Vore
Subject: RCFWA - Brown Cons Easement 11-13 -07

November 13, 2007

John Vore
MTFWP
P.O. Box 1408

Hamilton, MT 59840-1408

Dear John,

The Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association would like to go on record as supporting the addition of 204.5 acres to the conservation easement on the Brown Valley Ranch, located NE of Stevensville, as proposed in a Draft Environmental Assessment, dated October 15, 2007.

The RCFWA would also like to encourage MTFWP to work to gain hunter access to this conservation easement, as well as, any future conservation easements accomplished by MTFWP.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Cordially,

Dave Majors
President

From: Roger and Sharon DiBrito [dibrito@montana.com]
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2007 7:25 AM
To: Vore, John
Subject: Brown Easement

Yes, this is a good deal for my children and grandchildren.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Brown Valley Conservation Easement.

Please encourage all Bitterroot land owners to put more land into easement.

The Brown's riparian area is key to keeping 3 mile creek a creek and not just another irrigation ditch. Will your office help fence the creek, give access for cattle to water, with minimal damage to the creek bottom?

I would like to see an aggressive campaign to put wildlife easement on all streams and rivers. Clean, fresh water is the life blood of our wildlife.

Roger DiBrito
4765 Carolin lane
Florence, Mt. 59833
At this address since 1976

From: sharon renfro [sammcfro@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 5:13 PM
To: jvore@mt.gov
Subject: brown easement

hello John, add mine to the positive comments pile. I'm all for what Virginia Brown is doing up 3 mile! and I think it's a great bargain for the state! jump on it! sharon renfro.

Telephone conversation RE: Brown Valley Conservation Easement 2007 Addition

10/23/07 1:50 PM

Mike Gaudin, Roberts Realty
1401 7th St. E.
Polson, MT 59860

Mike wanted to know if there would be any change in road easement, and I said no. He is in favor of the proposed easement.

Stevensville, MT
November 8, '07

Montana State Fish & Game
Missoula, MT.

Dear Sir:

My husband and I have been residents in the Lone Rock area since 1969.

We are writing to you to notify you of our support for the proposed Conservation Easement on the "Brown Ranch" in the Three Mile Area.

Thank you,

Jean Kidd
Andrew Wm Kidd

Decision

Utilizing the environmental assessment and public comment, a decision must be rendered by FWP, which addresses the concerns and issues identified for the proposed purchase of a conservation easement. In light of public comments and internal agency review, I accept the draft environmental assessment, management plan and socio-economic assessment as final.

The public has already realized much of the potential benefits of the original 1,800-acre Brown Valley Conservation Easement in only 12 years of existence. While subdivisions have been developed during that period on surrounding lands, wildlife habitat has remained intact and undeveloped on the Brown Valley Conservation Easement and on the adjoining Bolin and Lewis Conservation Easements and Threemile Wildlife Management Area. In combination, these properties form a wildlife management unit in excess of 13,000 acres, which in combination with the adjacent Bitterroot National Forest, supply the yearlong requirements for a population of more than 300 elk, a migratory herd of mule deer, resident white-tailed deer, and associated predatory and scavenging species. Brown Valley Ranch reinvested a significant amount of the proceeds from the original sale of the conservation easement back into the land, most notably for habitat enhancement in the form of noxious weed control, which has benefited elk and native plant communities. Elk harvests on Threemile Wildlife Management Area have never been higher than those realized by numerous local hunters over the past 12 years, despite unfavorable weather conditions that hampered hunter success elsewhere in western Montana.

The proposal to add 204.5 acres to the Brown Valley Conservation Easement is a farsighted initiative on the part of Brown Valley Ranch and FWP to protect the substantial public investments and benefits already achieved in this wildlife ecosystem. The original easement used Three Mile Creek Road as a boundary between lands encumbered and those unencumbered by the easement. This boundary leaves much of a 2-mile stretch of Three Mile Creek unprotected as it meanders under the road. Riparian habitat in the Bitterroot Valley is a top priority for protection under direction provided in the Statewide Habitat Plan (i.e., Habitat Montana) and the Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Conservation Strategy. If left unprotected, development along this corridor would be probable, would remove wildlife habitat and displace wildlife from immediately surrounding lands already under conservation easement or in FWP ownership. FWP's only practical opportunity to prevent this scenario is to act now to add the 204.5 acres that would protect the entire stream reach, while the offer from the Brown Valley Ranch is on the table.

The proposed conservation-easement purchase received strong support from a variety of interested individuals and organizations. It is noteworthy that this widely advertised proposal attracted no comments in opposition.

In 1995 and again in 2000, FWP asked for the right to guaranteed, limited, public access for hunting as a provision in the Restatement of Conservation Easement that would pertain to the original 1,800 acres as well as the 68.42 acres that were added in 2000. Brown Valley Ranch rejected these requests and required that access remain in the sole control of the landowner. FWP was left to decide whether the proposed conservation easement is in the public's interest,

and consistent with direction from the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission to provide hunting opportunities with its habitat acquisitions.

In my judgement, and as supported by all public comment, the proposed conservation easement on the subject lands is critically important in meeting its overriding purposes of protecting exceptional wildlife habitat in perpetuity. By accomplishing these purposes, the proposed conservation easement will continue to foster important hunting opportunities for the general public on the adjacent Threemile Wildlife Management Area and the Bolin Conservation Easement. Alternatively, the development of the subject lands would close the door to future possibilities for public access that might be granted by the landowner in the future. I believe the body of public comment reaffirms FWP's policy of obtaining public access with its conservation easements, but also indicates that carefully chosen and justifiable exceptions, such as this one, should be allowable.

In consideration of these facts, I am pleased to recommend that the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission acquire a conservation easement on the subject lands from Brown Valley Ranch, with approval to spend \$45,399 from the Habitat Montana fund.

/s/ Mack Long

Mack Long
Regional Supervisor
Missoula, MT
December 3, 2007



LEGAL AD

Provide Proof of Publication and Invoice to:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Attn: Sharon Rose

3201 Spurgin Rd.

Missoula, MT 59804

PUBLIC NOTICE

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) invites the public to comment on its proposal to add 204.5 acres along Threemile Creek to the existing 1,869-acre Brown Valley Conservation Easement at a cost of \$45,399. The Brown Valley Ranch is located 7 airline miles east of Florence in Ravalli County, Montana. FWP's purposes for acquiring the conservation easement are to protect important riparian habitat and elk winter range.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for review and comment beginning Tuesday, October 16, 2007. You may view the EA at FWP's website www.fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices") or request a copy by mailing FWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804; phoning 406-542-5540; or emailing shrose@mt.gov.

Comments must be directed to John Vore by mail at PO Box 1408, Hamilton, MT 59840; phone to 406-375-2273; or email to jvore@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5 p.m., November 14, 2007. A public meeting to discuss the proposal will be held at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Family Center, 333 Charlos Street, Stevensville, Montana at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

October 14, 2007