



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed development of a Fishing Access Site (FAS) along the Gallatin River in the town of Logan, Montana.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks invites you to comment on the attached proposal. If requested, FWP will schedule and conduct a public meeting on this proposed project. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2011. Comments should be sent to the following:

Logan Fishing Access Site Proposed Development  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region 3  
1400 South 19th Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59718

Or emailed to: [tgarrett@mt.gov](mailto:tgarrett@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerald Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gerald Walker  
Region Three Parks Manager

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# **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

Region Three Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
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May 16, 2011  
Decision Notice for:

## **Logan Fishing Access Site Proposed Development Draft Environmental Assessment**

### **Proposed Action**

In December 2010, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) acquired 1.5 acres of land along the Gallatin River within the town of Logan for the purpose of establishing a fishing access site (FAS) and providing public access to this stretch of the Gallatin River. FWP proposed development of this site including a gravel access road, parking area to accommodate ten vehicles, a singlewide concrete boat ramp, a vault latrine, regulatory and informational signs, and boundary fencing.

### **Montana Environmental Policy Act**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on February 7, 2011.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken from February 7, 2011 through March 11, 2011. The EA was mailed to 63 groups and individuals.

### **Summary of Public Comment**

FWP received four (4) comments regarding the proposed action; three (3) comments supported the proposal, one (1) comment opposed the proposed action.

### **Comments supporting the proposed project: three (3) total.**

#### **Examples of Comment Statements Supporting the Proposal**

“After reviewing the Logan Fishing Access environmental assessment, we see no issues. Therefore, the Madison-Gallatin Chapter, Trout Unlimited supports this project and asks that you continue with the project as laid out in the proposed action.”

“Personally, I Strongly favor the improvements. I float from Nixon bridge down to Logan regularly, and it would be appreciated.”

**FWP Response:** Duly Noted

**Comment opposing the proposed project: one (1) total.**

Example of Comment Statements Opposing the Proposal

“It's awfully close to the one on Nixon Gulch Rd, The money would be better spent on one farther west.”

**FWP Response:** The FAS at Logan, once developed, will provide access to a stretch of the Gallatin River that currently lacks a public access site. Gallatin Forks FAS, which includes access off of Nixon Gulch Rd., is 13 river miles from the access at Missouri Headwaters State Park. The site at Logan will provide a needed access point between Gallatin Forks and Missouri Headwaters State Park.

**Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, as described in the Logan Fishing Access Site Proposed Development Draft Environmental Assessment. This alternative develops a new FAS in Logan on 1.5 acres of land that FWP acquired as a donation in December 2010.

**Appeal**

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director (Mr. Joe Maurier, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701) 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 may address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please contact Todd Garrett, Fishing Access Site Manager at 406-994-6987.



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Gerald Walker  
Regional Parks Manager

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