



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

DECISION RECORD Tunis Reservoir Fish Introduction

Water Name: Tunis Reservoir **Water Code:** 14-9380
County: Chouteau County
Legal Description: T24N,R07E,S28 47.81095°; -110.83159°

Proposed Action: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposes to stock largemouth bass in a reservoir on private land on the west side of Highway 87 near the railroad siding of Tunis, approximately seven miles west of Fort Benton. Public access to this reservoir is gained through an agreement between the landowner and Montana FWP that involves reasonable public access in exchange for FWP stocking the reservoir with fish. Water levels in the reservoir fluctuate. In years when water levels are high, the reservoir can provide reasonably good fishing. As of January 2012, the reservoir water levels are high. Montana FWP plans to stock the reservoir periodically with largemouth bass to improve angling opportunity and angling quality. The reservoir is 5-7 surface acres and has a maximum depth of 11 feet. This reservoir has been stocked since 1929 with coho salmon, brook trout, channel catfish and rainbow trout. FWP is proposing to stock largemouth bass in order to maximize angling quality in this fishery.

Description of Public Notification/Review Process: The proposed action is expected to be non-controversial. Comments were accepted starting February 7, 2012 when the EA was posted on the FWP website. No comments have been received.

Summary of Public Comments: There were no comments regarding this proposal.

Recommendation: Based on the EA, benefits and risks associated with this project, it is my decision that there would be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore an environmental impact statement is not required. It is my decision to proceed with the proposed action to stock largemouth bass in Tunis Reservoir. The draft EA together with this decision notice will serve as the final documents for this proposal.

Gary Bertellotti
Regional Supervisor

3/28/2012
Date