



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) proposes to purchase a conservation easement on a 41-acre in-holding that lies in the middle of the existing Keogh Conservation Easement property (7,106 encumbered acres) located 15 miles north of Whitehall, MT. The in-holding used to be owned by the BLM but is now in the possession of the Fitzgerald family, who also owns the land encumbered by the FWP conservation easement. The cost of the easement is \$46,400. The Treasure State Chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation (Butte, MT) will contribute \$10,000 toward the purchase. The remainder of the cost (\$36,400) will be paid for with FWP's Habitat Montana funds. The in-holding would be encumbered by the same terms as the existing easement and managed under the same management plan.

This Draft EA is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library, and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Bozeman or Butte FWP offices, or viewed on FWP's website: <http://www.fwp.mt.gov>.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks invites you to comment on the attached proposal. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2016. Comments should be sent to the following address: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Keogh Ranch CE, 1820 Meadowlark Lane, Butte, MT 59701 or emailed to [vbocadori@mt.gov](mailto:vbocadori@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Sheppard', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sam B. Sheppard  
Region Three Supervisor  
Attachment