Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find the Decision Notice (DN) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) concerning its proposal to purchase via fee title a 33,295-acre Wildlife Management Area, and a 7,650-acre State Park from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in the Bitterroot Mountains south of Tarkio, Montana, within the Middle Clark Fork River watershed. The project area is centered in the Fish Creek watershed in Mineral County, within FWP administrative Region Two. Funding would come from the state Habitat Montana and Access Montana Programs, and the federal Pittman-Robertson Program, in the amount of approximately $14,350,000.

This DN 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 Region 2 FWP Headquarters or viewed on FWP's Internet website at http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices").

In consideration of the Draft EA and the DN, we will recommend that the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission approve the proposed purchase of the Fish Creek property at its March 10th meeting in Helena. Approval will also be necessary from the Montana Board of Land Commissioners. Both the Commission and Land Board meetings are open to the public.

Sincerely,

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