Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 2 Headquarters
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Dear Interested Citizen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) invites the public to comment on its proposal to provide Future Fisheries Improvement Program (FFIP) funds as partial funding to Big Blackfoot Trout Unlimited for reclamation of roads in riparian areas adjacent to important spawning streams for westslope cutthroat trout. The project would: 1) reclaim 5.5 miles of road bed and restore habitat in the riparian areas of Chamberlain, West Fork Chamberlain, and Bear Creeks (portions of Missoula and Powell Counties); 2) remove and upgrade stream crossings to facilitate fish passage; and 3) replace reclaimed roads by improving or constructing 5.1 miles of road outside riparian areas. The FFIP proposes to provide $100,000 (of the estimated $209,000 total cost) for this improvement project. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared for this proposal.

The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5500; by emailing psaffel@mt.gov; or by viewing FWP's Internet website http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices," beginning June 4).

Comments should be directed by: Mail to Pat Saffel, Attn: Chamberlain Road EA, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula 59804; phone to 406-542-5507; or email to psaffel@mt.gov. Comments must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 6, 2010. As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I will issue the Decision Notice for this EA after the end of the comment period.

Sincerely,

Mack Long
Regional Supervisor

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