



DECISION NOTICE

Rosebud Battlefield State Park Parking Area Project

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Montana State Parks (MSP), a division of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP), proposed to add a turn around and parking area at the west entrance to the park at Rosebud Battlefield Rd. This would have allowed for vehicles, especially larger vehicles such as school buses or recreational vehicles, to turn around without driving onto the neighboring private land. This will also have allowed for additional parking at the west end of the park.

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) requires FWP to assess impacts to the human and natural environment.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the for this project and a public comment period took place between December 16, 2020 and January 28, 2021. Legal Notice of the EA release and comment period was published two times in each of the following newspapers: *Billings Gazette*, *Sheridan Press* and *Helena Independent Record*. We received no comments during that time. Public notice was placed on the FWP website. Direct mailing and/or email notification was provided to adjacent landowners, interested parties, Big Horn County Commissioners, and DNRC, NRCS and BLM staff. The Draft EA was available to interested parties by downloading from the FWP website. Hard copies were also available at FWP Region 7 office in Miles City.

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After further review of the area in the park for this project and the extensive archaeological potential of the area, it was decided to postpone the project at this time. The area in question may have high archaeological significance. Additional research is needed. With that in mind and for the sake of public stewardship, it has been decided by FWP to postpone the project.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please contact FWP Region 7 Park Manager Brian Burky at Brian.Burky@mt.gov or 406-546-7623.



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