



# MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

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March 23, 2021

To: FWP Region 3 EA Standard Distribution List

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared Toston Fishing Access Site (FAS), which is a popular recreational site and provides quality recreational opportunities for fishing, boating and floating. The FAS is located along the Missouri River, at the HWY287 Toston Bridge approximately 11 miles south of Townsend, MT.

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, as described in the Toston Fishing Access Site Parking Expansion Project Draft Environmental Assessment. The above alternative addresses the impacts and improvements to the Toston Fishing Access Site.

Questions regarding this Decision Notice should be directed to:

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Or emailed to: [JPape@mt.gov](mailto:JPape@mt.gov)

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Marina Yoshioka  
Region Three Supervisor



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## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

### TOSTON FISHING ACCESS SITE PROPOSED PARKING EXPANSION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Region Three, Bozeman

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#### **Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action as stated in Alternative B is for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to move forward with the Parking Lot expansion at the Toston Fishing Access Site congruent with the 2019 Land Use Agreement with Montana Department of Transportation.

#### **Montana Environmental Policy Act**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on February 19, 2021 and mailed to 20 groups and individuals.

#### **Summary of Public Comment**

FWP received a total of one (1) comment regarding the proposed action during the 30-day public comment period.

#### **Comment in support of the proposed project.**

The comment expressed support for the project, stating: "... doing it now makes perfect sense as the equipment is already there and part of the original land use agreement."

#### **Comment opposing the proposed project.**

No comments were received in opposition of the Parking Expansion Project

#### **FWP Response to comments opposing the project**

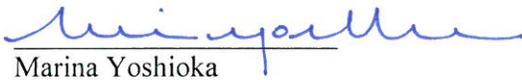
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**Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with the proposed action, Alternative B, as described in the Toston FAS Parking Expansion Draft Environmental Assessment. This alternative effectively increases the amount of parking available at this popular FAS.

**Appeal**

This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted to the FWP Director (Ms. Martha Williams, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701) in writing and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. The appeal must specifically describe the basis for the appeal, explain how the appellant has previously commented to the department or participated in the decision-making process, and lay out how FWP may address the concerns in the appeal. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please contact Jay Pape, Fishing Access Site Manager at 406-577-7873.



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