

**DECISION NOTICE**  
**Big Reservoir Rainbow Trout Introduction**  
**Prepared by Region 6, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**  
**May 14, 2021**

**PROPOSAL**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Region 6 is proposing to create an additional angling opportunity at Big Reservoir in Valley County, Montana. FWP is proposing to introduce Rainbow Trout into Big Reservoir as a put-and-take fishery, which will provide Northeast Montana anglers with a publicly available option for recreational angling.

**MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) PROCESS**

The proposal has been outlined in an Environmental Assessment (EA) to satisfy the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). FWP is required to assess the impacts of the proposed action to the human and natural environment as directed by MEPA.

The proposed action is not expected to be controversial therefore the EA will be posted on the FWP website but not open for public comment.

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

There are no modifications necessary to the Draft Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

**DECISION**

The proposed addition of this angling opportunity would have no negative cumulative effects on physical and human environments. When considered over the long-term, the proposed action poses significant positive effects towards enhancing public angling opportunities in Valley County, Montana.

**After review of the environmental assessment it is my recommendation to approve the proposal to introduce Rainbow Trout into Big Reservoir as proposed.**



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