

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

FISHERIES DIVISION
JOB PROGRESS REPORT

STATE: Montana

PROJECT NO: F-46-R-7

STUDY #: VII

JOB NO: B (3817)

JOB TITLE: Lower Missouri Reservation EIS

PROJECT PERIOD: July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994

JOB OBJECTIVES AND DEGREE OF ATTAINMENT

The objectives of the job are to provide funding to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for completion of an EIS and public hearings. An approved EIS is required by state law in the reservations process. DFWP is required by law to pay its share of producing the EIS and holding contested case hearings. Completion of the EIS and other actions required to complete the reservations process will hopefully result in the granting of instream flows by the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation in the Lower and Little Missouri River basins. If reservations are granted, there will be present and future assurances that future instream flows are available to maintain fisheries in the basin's requested streams. Such instream flows are an obvious benefit to fishermen, sportsmen and other recreationists using these streams both now and in the future.

Funds in the amount of \$46,250 were transferred to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for FWP's share of publication and distribution of the draft and final EIS and for the cost of the contested case hearing to be held September 19-30, 1994.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This project will terminate in FY95. A decision on the reservations will be made by the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation by December 31, 1994.

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