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## **MDT/FWP Task Force**

## **Recommendations Report**

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## **Executive Summary**

The Fisheries Task Force, appointed by the Directors of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), worked together to identify and develop recommendations on how the two departments can work together to resolve issues, concerns and take advantage of opportunities where roads and streams are in conflict.

This report presents eight recommendations from the Task Force.

Recommendations 1-3 are procedural in nature, will occur early in transportation project development and will facilitate information exchange between the agencies.

Recommendation 4 establishes criteria for temporary crossings during transportation project construction.

Recommendation 5 is to establish a permanent FWP/MDT fisheries group to manage on-going tasks and to evaluate and modify interagency procedures.

Recommendation 6 will continue the effort to further evaluate and complete fish passage criteria guidelines which are particularly lacking for Montana trout species.

Recommendation 7 is to develop and implement a series of (one-time only) meetings between respective MDT Maintenance Area personnel and Regional FWP fisheries personnel to interact on the local level. (This differs from Recommendation 1 which is intended to be on-going relative to planned construction projects.)

Recommendation 8 is to use a permanently established group to identify, prioritize and nominate Remediation projects.

These recommendations constitute achievement of the majority of the 16 objectives established at the outset by the Task Force. The exception is the continuing work relative to maintenance activities and the fish passage criteria for western Montana-type stream conditions.

## Introduction

The FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force was implemented May 1, 1995, jointly by the Director's of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).

Members of the Task Force, as originally implemented, consisted of the following:

FWP- Phil Stewart, Miles City, Co-Chair  
George Liknes, Great Falls  
Scott Rumsey, Kalispell  
Don Peters, Missoula  
Ken Chrest, Helena Consultant

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As stated by the Department Directors, the Task Force was formed in recognition of the importance of Montana's fishery resources and transportation systems for the future of the state. The intent of the Task Force was to "work on those activities where fisheries and transportation systems come together and result in specific issues, concerns and opportunities...this group will develop recommendations on how our department can work together to resolve these issues, concerns and take advantage of the opportunities." It was also intended that the group be in place at least two years to take action on suggested topics such as loss of fish habitat, fish passage, road maintenance practices, bridges vs. culverts, safety and economics and threatened and endangered species. The Task Force was encourage to expand on this list with their own topics and priorities.

The group conducted their first meeting on June 27, 1995 and has generally met on a bi-monthly basis over the past two years. In addition to adding a representative from MDT's Construction Bureau to the Task Force, advisory (non-voting) members Kirk Eakin and Dick McIntyre from MDT and Glenn Phillips from FWP were recognized and have continued to participate throughout the process. Marjore Blewett from MDT has assisted as facilitator and Liane Taylor from FWP has provided meeting minutes and formatted group documents.

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<sup>1</sup>At the second meeting of the group (August 22, 1995), it was agreed to add one additional representative from MDT Construction. Also, participating in an advisory (non-voting) capacity, are Kirk Eakin and Dick McIntyre from MDT and Glenn Phillips from FWP.

The Task Force began by developing a Goal Statement and 6 general categories containing 16 specific objectives. The 16 objectives became the basis for determining priorities and allowed the group to systematically work toward agreeable recommendations for presentation to their respective Departments.

Much of the work has been completed and most of the objectives originally set forth by the Task Force have been accomplished; however, some of the objectives will require additional effort and resources. The Task Force has also determined that a continuing core group of representatives from both agencies should remain in place to follow through with the remaining work and to identify and resolve continuing and new issues.

This report contains a meeting summary, four written "Procedural Recommendations" developed and approved through consensus by the Task Force. Three of these procedures are essentially intended to provide for early coordination between the two agencies and to facilitate the exchange and gathering of information relative to transportation project development and stream and fisheries issues. The fourth written procedure addresses the construction of temporary facilities across or near streams or drainages. This report also identifies as "Continuing Recommendations", what the Task Force believes to be the next order or priority.

**The Task Force hereby supports adoption of these recommendations by each agency.**

## **FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force**

### **Goal and Objectives**

## **Goal and Objectives for FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force**

**Goal:** Produce a consistent, cooperative and efficient approach to protect and enhance stream and associated fish and wildlife resources while providing safe, effective and efficient transportation systems.

### **Objectives:**

1. Communication
  - A. Develop procedures for early and continuing communication from preconstruction through construction and maintenance.
  - B. Improve information exchange between biologists and engineers.
  - C. Develop mutual understanding of each agency's needs.
2. Fish Habitat Protection
  - A. Develop mutually agreeable fish passage criteria for both eastern and western Montana.
  - B. Develop criteria to determine type of stream crossing (bridge, culvert, culvert extension) to be used.
  - C. Increase consideration for fish habitat during project design based on identified needs.
  - D. Define ways to decrease the need for channel changes.
  - E. Minimize loss of habitat at bridges and longitudinal encroachments.
  - F. Develop design criteria for routing of flood flows.
3. Road Maintenance
  - A. Minimize entry of road sand into streams.
  - B. Maintain vegetative cover in roadside ditches.
  - C. Minimize habitat damage from beaver dam removals.
4. Project Scheduling
  - A. Resolve conflicts from restrictive project scheduling.
5. Evaluation
  - A. Evaluate key projects post-construction.
  - B. Identify old projects in need of modification.
6. Training
  - A. Identify training needed for personnel of both departments.

## **Recommendation #1**

**Procedure for Early Coordination**

**and**

**Review of Proposed Transportation Projects**

**Montana Department of Transportation and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:  
*Procedure for Early Coordination and Review of Proposed Transportation Projects***

**Purpose**

The purpose of this procedure is to establish a means to facilitate early communication, coordination and understanding between the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), thereby assisting both agencies to better fulfill their respective programs, services and responsibilities to the people and resources of Montana.

**Process**

MDT's on-going construction program is determined and established based on the identified need to improve existing transportation facilities and available funding to accomplish those identified needs. MDT's Project Management System (PMS) planning guide identifies and schedules projects within each of the 5 MDT Districts approximately 2-5 years into the future. When proposed projects are identified and approved for programming, they enter the PMS and are scheduled based on priorities, type of project, available or anticipated funding and any other relevant considerations.

**Project Field Meetings/Reviews**

At least once each year, MDT environmental, design, construction and district staff will meet with the appropriate FWP Regional staff and SPA Coordinator to review MDT's most recent PMS project list. This meeting will be an opportunity for MDT headquarters and district staff to present FWP regional staff with new project proposals and status updates of projects already in the PMS. The meeting will be conducted in the appropriate MDT District or Area Office or the FWP Regional Office. Depending on seasonal conditions, on-site reviews of selected projects or segments of projects may also be conducted. The intent of the meeting is to identify as early as possible, prior to MDT's final scope-of-work, fisheries and other habitat issues and concerns relative to potential project impacts through the use of a checklist.

The MDT project/district biologist will be responsible for scheduling the meeting of their particular district in cooperation with the appropriate FWP Regional fisheries biologist. A list of proposed projects to be discussed will be provided in advance of the meeting(s). The list will include at least project type and location with beginning and ending milepost. A record of each meeting will be prepared and distributed to all participants.

## **Recommendation #2**

### **MDT Criteria for Determining**

### **Type of Stream Crossing to be Used**

**FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force**  
**MDT Criteria for Determining Type of Stream Crossing for Highway Projects**

- A. Information MDT Project Biologist would provide to FWP after the Preliminary Field Review.
1. Scope and location of proposed project.
  2. Proposed year and month of construction.
  3. Stream crossing locations.
  4. Existing information: culvert/bridge dimensions and condition of culvert or structure.
  5. Alternatives being considered at each crossing.
  6. A timeline by which MDT needs preliminary information back from FWP for design consideration.
- B. Information FWP would provide to MDT before preliminary design.
1. Species present by stream
  2. Is fish passage currently being provided and is it necessary or desired for the future. Is there a current facility.
  3. Critical habitat upstream, downstream, and in vicinity of stream crossing (spawning areas).
  4. Passage requirements (if known or available) for adults, juveniles, spawners, resident, bedload, time of year and for what length of time, permissible delays in passage (ie for a two-day peak on a hydrograph).
  5. Species swimming abilities (if known or available) ie. sustained speeds/lengths and darting speeds/lengths, and minimum depths and maximum velocities for passage.
  6. Preliminary recommendations for the criteria that needs to be met at each stream crossing for fish passage. What are FWP's concerns.
- C. After preliminary design, MDT can provide the following if needed for FWP to make a decision on fish passage.
1. Existing stream slope above, below, and through/under road crossing.
  2. Expected min/max/avg velocities, depths and lengths through or under crossing.
  3. Core log data adjacent to crossing.
  4. Existing stream and stream bank condition/stability above and below crossing (photos, etc).

## **Recommendation #3**

**FWP Criteria to Determine Type of  
Stream Crossing to be Used**

**FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force**  
**FWP Fisheries Criteria Related to Objective 2B**  
**“Develop Criteria to Determine Type of Stream Crossing to be Used”**

The following criteria will be considered as general guidelines and starting points in project planning. For specific sites and projects either FWP or MDT may want to incorporate different provisions. These exceptions will be negotiated between the parties on a case by case basis.

The agency responsibilities as outlined in the MDT Stream Crossing Criteria memo will be adopted as guidelines by both agencies. Standard forms will be developed to facilitate and expedite providing this information to each respective agency. Accompanying this information will be a small glossary which defines all pertinent acronyms. Any design changes by either agency from the following rules which would potentially impact fisheries or hydrologic values during the planning/designing phase of the project will be promptly communicated in a formalized process as soon as the information is known.

**I. Criteria Related to Choosing Type of Stream Crossing**

- A. To preserve high quality habitat, bridges will be used on spring creeks with a classification of Value Class I, Highest-Value Fishery Resource. Streams of Value Class II, High Priority Fishery Resource and non-spring creeks of Value Class I, will receive special consideration regarding the type of crossing, but not necessarily a bridge<sup>2</sup>.
- B. For perennial or ephemeral streams with spawning migrations of weak swimming fish, such as channel catfish, walleye, sauger, and northern pike, existing bridges will only be replaced with other bridges. As additional field data is obtained, other species and/or waters may be proposed as additions to this list.

**II. Criteria Related Only to Bridge Installations**

- A. Bridges will be designed to adequately pass bedload and maintain natural channel function above and below the crossing.

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<sup>2</sup> Lists of streams requiring bridges to be replaced with bridges and Value Class I and II streams are located in Appendices A and B.

- B. Channels will be maintained in a natural configuration and will not be converted to trapezoidal shapes.
- C. Pier location to be in harmony with stream so that there is not a pier in the thalweg and potential for scour at the piers is reduced. Piers should also be placed to allow for floater safety, debris passage and ice passage.
- D. Rip-rap should be keyed and kept to the minimum necessary to protect the bridge. Rip-rap in the middle of the channel will be avoided and will not reduce channel cross-sectional area. A deeper key will be used to hold rip-rap in place instead of extending rip-rap toward the center of the channel.

### III. Criteria Related Only to Culvert Installation

- A. Where fish passage may be an issue on a culvert installation or extension, FWP will designate the priority species and time of year passage is needed. MDT will provide the best data available on culvert and stream channel conditions at the site. This would typically include proposed culvert length, roughness, bottom depth, velocity profile, entry and exit conditions, flows, alignment and bed stability. Additional field data will be collected and negotiated when needed between both agencies.
- B. For perennial streams, culverts should adequately pass bedload to maintain natural channel configurations.
- C. Culverts, including embedded culverts, should be designed so that they adequately provide for fish passage following installation. If culvert becomes perched, or if for other reasons it does not provide needed fish passage, MDT will make a commitment to repair it within 12 months.
- D. Where upstream fish passage needs to be prevented, MDT will do so by purposely perching culvert or by other means. FWP will provide information on a project by project basis.

### IV. Criteria Related to Both Bridges and Culverts

- A. Where T&E species, or Species of Special Concern are present at some part of their life history, MDT will utilize the highest design and construction standards at and near crossings. T&E species are currently present only in

the Kootenai River below Kootenai Falls, the Missouri River below Fort Benton, and the Yellowstone River below Intake.<sup>3</sup>

- B. Use of guide banks and channel changes will be avoided unless no other practical alternatives exist. MDT Hydraulics will provide documentation and justification for exceptions.
- C. When channel changes are necessary, the original channel configuration, such as length, slope, and shape will be maintained.
- D. Full erosion control requirements for both bridges and culverts will be implemented before, during, and after construction until adequate vegetation has become established. All erosion controls will be removed once adequate vegetation has been established. These provisions will be aggressively enforced to the extent allowable by MDT. (Maintenance can remove erosion controls if they know where they are).
- E. For Value Class I Streams, Highest-Value Fishery Resource waters, projects will provide for year around passage for both large (adult) and small (juvenile) fish. Crossing designs should include spawning passage and returns, as well as rearing and annual production outmigration when necessary.
- F. Net economic value of an angler-day, as determined by Rob Brook's Contingent Valuation Assessment, may be used for comparisons when considering the added cost of more "fish friendly" alternatives on controversial projects.

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<sup>3</sup>A list of Species of Special Concern is contained in Appendix C.

## **Recommendation #4**

**Detour, Haul Road or Ford Facilities Construction**

**Adjacent to Streams or Ephemeral Drainages**

## **Detour, Haul Road or Ford Facilities Construction Adjacent to Streams or Ephemeral Drainages**

### **General Provisions**

Determine if the detour or haul road being constructed needs a bridge, culvert or ford.

Submit the following information for all installations:

- A. A topographic map or sketch showing the features, elevations and location of the proposed facility.
- B. The location to the nearest town and the Range, Township and Section of the requested facility.
- C. Anticipated time of year and length of time the facility will be in place.
- D. Anticipated average water flow during the time facility is in place.
- E. Describe the method of installation and removal and the re-contouring of banks. Include methods of keeping construction materials from entering the stream channel or flowing water.

### **Ford Construction**

- A. Describe the type of ford to be constructed and material to be used for construction. Justify use of ford.

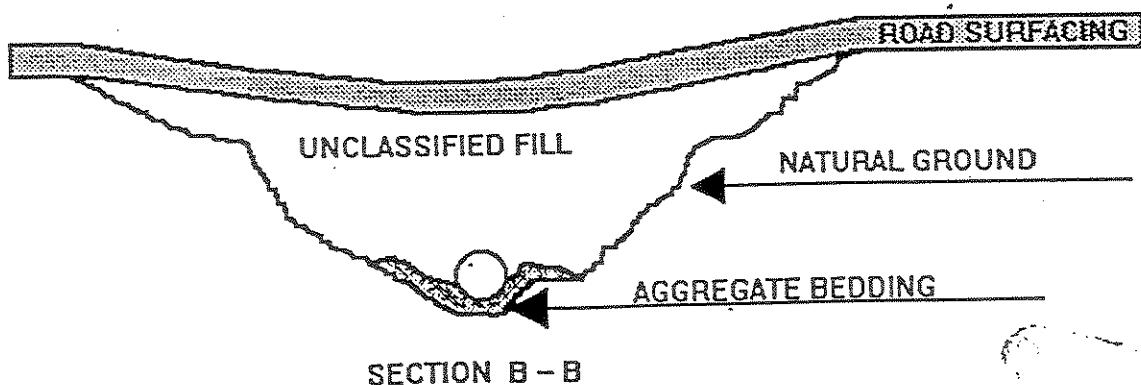
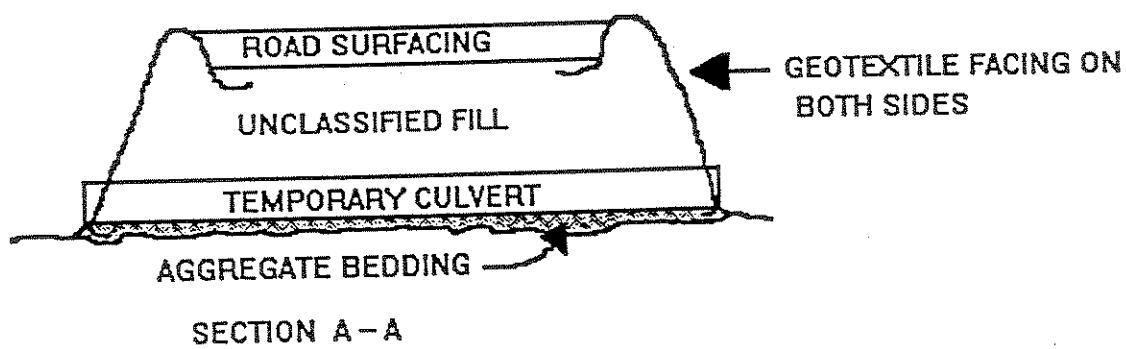
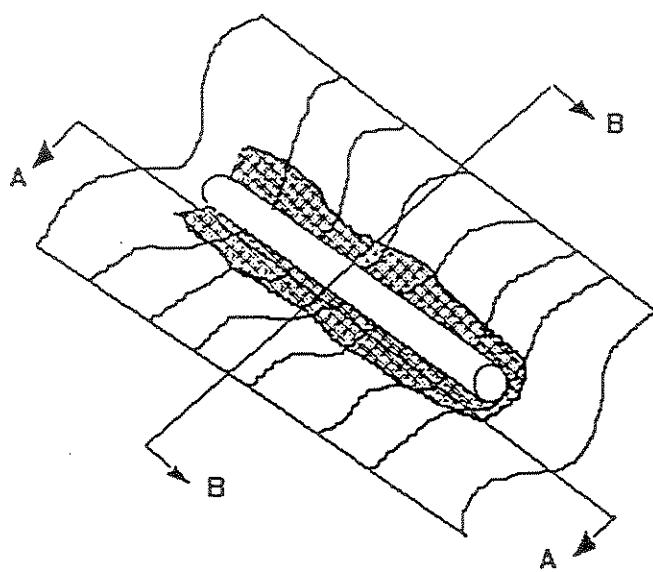
### **Bridge Construction**

- A. Design and submit for approval, as per standard specs or special provisions, all plans and calculations for Detour and Work Bridges.
- B. Show the location and height of the anticipated high flow.

## **Culvert Installation**

- A. Show how culvert design will handle anticipated flow without overtopping the detour.
- B. Design the installation to include the protection of the in slopes on both the upstream and downstream sides. A contour map and site sketch of the facility should include a provision for possible overtopping.
- C. Bed culverts in clean gravel of sufficient depth to provide a smooth bed for the culvert to facilitate removal. The gravel is to extend to the edge of streambank vegetation or at least two feet beyond the waters edge, whichever is further.
- D. Protect the upstream and downstream edges of the embankment with geotextile to prevent erosion of the side slopes.
- E. The attached drawings show a method of installation.

CULVERT DETAIL DRAWING



Note: Keep roads as low as possible with geotextile covering on both slopes.

## **Recommendation #5**

**Establishment of a Permanent  
FWP/MDT Fisheries Group**

## **Establishment of a Permanent FWP/MDT Fisheries Group**

Over the past two years, the Task Force has achieved a majority of their originally identified objectives. Through the course of this effort, it has become obvious that a cooperative and continuing effort between both agencies will be necessary to implement, maintain, evaluate and modify the recommended procedures. Some of the original objectives relative to maintenance and western Montana fish passage criteria have not yet been fully achieved or concluded. It is also anticipated that new issues will likely continue to occur.

### **Recommendation**

Therefore, the Task Force recommends that a "Core Group" of appropriate representatives from each agency be designated and maintained to identify and resolve continuing and new issues. This group should be made up of representatives from MDT Engineering, Maintenance and Environmental and fisheries representatives from FWP regions east and west of the Continental Divide and Headquarters. This group should meet at least annually and confer more frequently on a more informal basis to direct or evaluate the efforts of individual tasks.

## **Recommendation #6**

**Continued Effort to Develop a  
Salmonid Passage/Procedural Criteria “Guide”**

## **Continued Effort to Develop a Salmonid Passage/Procedural Criteria Manual**

Objective 2.A.: "*Develop mutually agreeable fish passage criteria for both eastern and western Montana*" - The group has struggled with the best way to approach and achieve this objective. It is felt that this objective is now most pertinent and critical to western Montana due to fish species, habitat and dynamic and varied stream conditions. Eastern Montana streams and warmwater species have generally been addressed under the criteria developed of Objective 2.B., including the listed FWP Criteria IB. (Warmwater) Streams (Appendix C).

There are numerous studies and manuals that deal with various aspects relative to fish passage needs, hydraulics and so forth on a broad or regional basis, but not a single comprehensive manual that can be easily understood and in particular applied to trout species stream conditions by both biologist and engineer.

Therefore, the Task Force is presently considering the merits of hiring a mutually agreeable consultant, funded equally by both agencies, to examine four or five selected "fish passage" documents. The consultant would then make a recommendation on the feasibility and cost to produce a combined manual for Montana. This manual or guide could possibly complement and be used in conjunction with the draft "Chapter 15" of the AASHTO Model Drainage Manual currently being reviewed by the MDT Hydraulics Section.

### **Recommendation:**

The Task Force recommends that there be a continued effort to develop a Salmonid Passage/Procedural Criteria Manual or guide for adoption and use by both agencies. This effort would be under the direction of the Task Force or a successor group.

## **Recommendation #7**

**FWP Regional/MDT Maintenance Area**

**Series of Statewide Meetings**

## **FWP Regional/MDT Maintenance Area Series of Statewide Meetings**

At a recent MDT Maintenance Chiefs' meeting, a presentation by FWP highlighted specific locations where winter maintenance road sanding has resulted in heavy sediment loads into adjacent streams. Though positive in their desire to correct such problems, the Maintenance Chiefs feel they are hampered by lack of funding and shortages of staff. The Task Force believes that an effort should be made to provide an opportunity for local meetings between MDT maintenance people and the FWP regional biologists so they can communicate about some of the local issues.

This would likely be a one-time only effort with a basic but flexible agenda. It would involve 6 to 8 meetings to include the 11 MDT Maintenance Areas and the 7 FWP Regions. The meetings would be an opportunity for local introductions; list of contacts; slide or video presentations of example "problem areas" prepared by FWP; discussion of chronic problems and possible solutions, e.g., beaver dams, accumulated sanding debris, maintenance practices, materials and constraints, identifying and nominating possible remedial projects; etc.

### **Recommendation:**

The Task Force recommends developing an agenda, establishing a mutually agreeable schedule, and conducting a series of local meetings between Regional FWP biologists and MDT Maintenance Area staff. This would be an opportunity to identify problem areas at the local level and possibly generate effective solutions.

## **Recommendation #8**

### **Identifying and Prioritizing**

### **Remediation Projects**

## **Identifying and Prioritizing Remediation Projects**

Related to Recommendation 7, is the possible opportunity of using the Task Force successor group to identify and prioritize problem areas that may potentially be eligible for special funding. This may be an advantage over present processes for nominating projects of this type since it would be more systematic and involve input from both agencies and be based on fisheries resource and funding priorities.

### **Recommendation:**

Establish a priority list of “trouble spots” and use the “Core Group” as a nominating body for future remediation projects potentially eligible for available special category funding.

## **Appendix A**

### **List of Montana Value Class I and II Streams**

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS  
STREAM FISHERY EVALUATION SURFACE VALUE  
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REG-DRAINAGE WATER-HEAD	STREAM NAME	UPPER REACH BOUNDARY	LOWER REACH BOUNDARY	REACH LENGTH KM	TRIBUTARY TO
JAL	ARFGHTUNG SPRING CREEK	ORIGINAL MOUTH	SULLIVAN CREEK	0.5	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE
	BALL CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	6.0	
AGF	BEAVERHEAD RIVER	CLASSHOPPER CREEK	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AHM	BIG CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
A51	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 01	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AMF	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 02	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DMF	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 03	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AJU	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 04	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AJW	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 05	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AHE	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 06	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AHD	BIG HOLE RIVER SEC 07	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DHF	BIG HORN RIVER SEC 01	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DTE	BIG HORN RIVER SEC 02	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DIF	BIG HORN RIVER SEC 03	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYF	BIG HORN RIVER SEC 04	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYH	BIG HORN RIVER SEC 05	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYK	BIG HORN RIVER SEC 06	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
CUK	BLACKFOOT RIVER	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
A6X	BRANCH CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AJU	CABIN CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
A6X	CANYON CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
A66	CEDAR CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DDX	CLACK CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DWY	CLARK CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DHQ	COAL CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAM	COAL CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAL	COAL CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAK	COAL CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAY	COLTIS CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AJY	COOPER GULCH	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AJA	CYCLONE CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAU	CYCLONE CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAY	DAUBIE CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DAT	DORIS CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
927	DORIS CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
915	DUTCHMAN CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DIT	DUTCHMAN CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYV	EMERY CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYZ	EMIGRANT SPRING CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYI	FELIX CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DY2	FELIXTRAP CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AG4	FLATHEAD LAKE	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
61G	FOYS BEND	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
616	FOYS FLATHEAD RIVER	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
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AJD	GALLATIN RIVER SEC 02	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AFB	GALLATIN RIVER SEC 03	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DVS	GERMAN GULCH	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DYT	GERMAN GULCH	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
AH3	GOVERNOR CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DUD	GRANITE CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DDP	GRANITE CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DUC	GRUND CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	
DUD	GROOM CREEK	MOUITH	YUILLSTONE RIVER SE	1.0	

\*RV = Fishery Resource Value, SF = Sport Fishery Value, HS = Habitat and Species Value: 1 = Outstanding, 2 = High Value,  
3 = Substantial, 4 = Moderate, 5 = Limited

RV = Higher or SF or HS



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS  
STREAM FISHERY EVALUATION BY RESOURCE VALUE  
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REG-DRAINAGE- SERIAL	STREAM NAME	LOWER REACH BOUNDARY	UPPER REACH BOUNDARY	LENGTH (KM)	WUE
A1A	MISSOURI RIVER SEC 11	CANYON FERRY RESERVOIR	TOSTON DAM MOUTH	0.7	1.3
535	MOL HERUN CREEK	NATIONAL FOREST MOUTH	MOUTH	25.6	1.7
D09	MOOSE CREEK	1 KM BELOW WHALE BUT	07N 02E 30	21.0	1.3
1-CB	MOOSE CREEK	1 KM ABOVE WHA BUT	085 07E 24	54.9	1.4
DEB	MOOSE CREEK	BRIDGE 2 KM ABOVE WHA	36N 21W 32	1.4	1.4
DAZ	MORAN CREEK	BRIDGE 2 KM ABOVE WHA	35N 22W 35	1.4	1.4
DA1	MORAN CREEK	0.1 KM ABOVE WHA	35N 22W 05	1.4	1.4
DCS	MORYSON CREEK	0.1 KM ABOVE MOUTH	35N 21W 11	1.4	1.4
G6G	MUDGY CREEK	6 KM ABOVE MOUTH	35N 21W 31	1.4	1.4
A62	MURRAY CREEK	8 KM ABOVE MOUTH	35N 21W 36	1.4	1.4
D7F	MURRAY CREEK	DRY AREA BELOW CASCA PUZZLE CREEK	35N 21W 36	1.4	1.4
AHB	N BIG HOLE RIVER	0.1 KM BELOW CRESCEN SOURCE	35N 13W 27	1.4	1.4
261	N DEEP CREEK	S BOUNDARY SEC 33	35N 13W 33	1.4	1.4
633	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	WILSON/SOURDOUGH CREEK	35N 17W 19	1.4	1.4
D7H	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	SOURCE	35N 17W 25	1.4	1.4
DYH	N FK GREENHORN CREEK	HEADWATERS RUBY CREEK	35N 21W 32	1.4	1.4
D5A	N FK RYE CREEK	RUBY CREEK	35N 21W 24	1.4	1.4
D5E	N FK SPRING CREEK	HEADWATERS RUBY CREEK	35N 21W 24	1.4	1.4
AN2	NICOLA CREEK	STATE LINE	35N 20W 07	2.9	1.4
CRX	ODIELL CREEK	HEADWATERS STATE LINE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
G7M	OKEEFE CREEK	HEADWATERS STATE LINE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
DIK	PEEDEXTER SLOUGH	HEADWATERS STATE LINE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
AJS	POINDEXTER SLOUGH	HEADWATERS STATE LINE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
B68	POINTONKIN CREEK	POSEY CREEK	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
DYL	POSEY CREEK	IRRIGATION RESERVOIR HEADWATERS POSEY CREEK	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
DCL	RAPE CREEK	1.1 KM ABOVE 2ND BRIDGE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
OC1	RED MEADOW CREEK	1.1 KM BELOW 2ND BRIDGE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
6H6	RED ROCK CREEK	0.6 KM BELOW LINK LA RED MEADOW CREEK	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
D2G	RIVERSIDE CREEK	UPPER RED ROCK LAKE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
D6C	RIVERSIDE CREEK	1.1 KM ABOVE MOUTH	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
AHT	ROCK CREEK	2 FOREST ROUTE 36 CULVISOURCE	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
G73	ROCK CREEK	NATIONAL FOREST MOUTH	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
732	ROCK CREEK	MOUTH	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
D38	RYE CREEK	MOUTH	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
D39	RYE CREEK	MOUTH	35N 20W 14	3.0	1.4
A61	SARCO CREEK	2ND BRIDGE ABOVE MOU HEADWATERS RIVER	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
DAR	SARCO CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
D42	SARCO CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
643	SARCO CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
A6U	SARCO CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
BAL	SANDHOLLOW CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
DDN	SCHAFFER CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 23	3.4	1.4
664	SILVER CREEK	FALLS 1 KM ABOVE MARYSVILLE	35N 22W 29	3.4	1.4
386	SIMPSON CREEK	MOUTH	35N 22W 29	3.4	1.4
D6J	SIMILE CREEK G.	MOUTH	35N 22W 30	3.4	1.4
DQ8	SIMILE CREEK G.	MOUTH	35N 22W 30	3.4	1.4

SERIAL REG-DRRAINAGE- REACH STREAM NAME

SERIAL	REG-DRRAINAGE-	REACH	STREAM NAME	LOWER REACH BOUNDARY	UPPER REACH BOUNDARY	LOWER SEC TWIN RNG	UPPER SEC TWIN RNG	TRIBUTARY TO
D49	1-08-6400-001		SKOOKULEEL CREEK	MOUTH	4.8 KM ABOVE MOUTH	32N 21W 05	4-6	BIG CREEK
ABG	1-08-6560-003		SOLDIER CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	3-02	SFK FLATHEAD RIVER	
D50	1-08-7040-001		SOURDOUGH CREEK	MOUTH	SPRING IN SEC 36	135 10W 06	1-4	MUDGY CREEK
D42	1-08-6740-001		SPOTTED BEAR RIVER	MOUTH	DEAN FALLS	17	SFK FLATHEAD RIVER	
942	1-08-6740-002		SPOTTED BEAR RIVER	MOUTH	SOURCE	25N 13W 36	1-3	SFK FLATHEAD RIVER
AHS	1-08-6740-002		STEEL CREEK	MOUTH	MOOSE MADDUMS	025 15W 27	1-3	BIG MOLE RIVER
DCY	1-08-7020-002		STRAWBERRY CREEK	MOUTH	TRAIL CREEK	01 KN ABOVE E FK ST	1-4	SFK FLATHEAD RIVER
D2J	1-08-7080-002		SULLIVAN CREEK	MOUTH	10.2 KM ABOVE MOUTH	26N 17W 01	1-4	HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR
D2L	1-08-7080-003		SULLIVAN CREEK	MOUTH	10.8 KM ABOVE MOUTH	26N 17W 11	1-4	HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR
D2M	1-08-7080-004		SULLIVAN CREEK	MOUTH	15.3 KM ABOVE MOUTH	26N 16W 08	1-4	HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR
AHS	1-08-7080-005		SULLIVAN CREEK	MOUTH	20.9 KM ABOVE MOUTH	25N 16W 09	1-4	SFK FLATHEAD RIVER
AHJ	1-08-7080-005		SWAMP SON CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE SWAMP FOREST	22SN 415W 09	1-4	BIG HOLE RIVER
DHF	1-08-7250-001		THOMPSON CREEK	MOUTH	MOUTH OF CREEK	30N 16W 24	1-4	HUNGRY HORSE CREEK
D2M	1-08-7260-001		TIGER CREEK	MOUTH	MOUTH OF CREEK	30N 16W 23	1-4	SFK FLATHEAD RIVER
ABG	1-08-7280-001		TOM NINER CREEK	MOUTH	MOUTH OF CREEK	30N 16W 29	1-4	YELLOWSTONE RIVER
ABF	1-08-7328-001		TOM NINER CREEK	MOUTH	BOTTOM OF DRY AREA	37N 22W 36	1-4	CLARK FORK RIVER
DHF	1-08-7330-001		TRAIL CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE OF CREEK	25N 22W 33	1-4	ROCK CREEK
ADP	1-08-7340-002		WELMILE CREEK	MOUTH	CARRON CREEK	0.1 KM ABOVE SEEFO C	1-4	TRAIL CREEK
DCE	1-08-7790-002		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	TOP OF BIG BEAVER DA	37N 23W 34	1-4	TRAIL CREEK
DCC	1-08-7940-003		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	NOKIO CREEK	0.1 KM ABOVE SEEFO C	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCC	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	36N 24W 01	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DHF	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	INTAKE DIVERSION	24N 60E 25	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	POWDER RIVER	16N 56E 36	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	CARTERSVILLE DIVERS	16N 50E 04	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	REGIONS 3/SPRINGDALE	01N 14E 12	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	SHIELDS RIVER	01S 12E 15	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	PINE CREEK	01S 10E 26	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	TUM MINER CREEK	04S 10E 11	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	YELLOWSTONE PARK	07S 07E 29	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	07S 07E 29	1-4	MISSOURI RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	2.6 KM BELOW PARKE C	35N 21W 22	1-4	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	2.6 KM BELOW PARKE C	35N 21W 22	1-4	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	AKOKALA LAKE	36N 21W 27	1-4	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	ANACONDA LAKE	33N 19W 14	1-4	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	FALLS 19 KM ABOVE MO	1.5 KM ABOVE MOUTH	1-4	DOLLY VARDEN CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	26N 12W 20	1-4	DOLLY VARDEN CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	26N 12W 19	1-4	YOUNGS CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	19N 13W 33	1-4	W FK BITTERROOT RIVE
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	02N 21W 33	1-4	TENDERFOOT CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	14N 10E 30	1-4	DANAHER CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	18N 11W 08	1-4	DANAHER CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	2.1 KM ABOVE MOUTH	19N 12W 15	1-4	BOWL CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	6.7 KM ABOVE MOUTH	25N 11W 03	1-4	BOWL CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	10S 14W 18	1-4	TRAIL CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	045 22W 04	1-4	W FK BITTERROOT RIVE
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	LAHESTEER CREEK	16N 61W 18	1-4	LITTLE MISSOURI RIVE
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	GRASSHOPPER CREEK	16N 61W 08	1-4	JEFFERSON RIVER
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	STODDEN DITCH	07S 08W 26	1-4	SILVER BOW CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	GERMAN GULCH	20N 08W 08	1-4	SILVER BOW CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	BIG CREEK	20N 08W 08	1-4	SILVER BOW CREEK
DCE	1-08-7940-005		YAKINIKAKI CREEK	MOUTH	2-03-0425-001	20N 08W 08	1-4	SILVER BOW CREEK

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REG'DRAINAGE- YAL	WATER-REACH-	STREAM NAME	LOWER REACH BOUNDARY		UPPER REACH BOUNDARY		LENGTH R S H (KM)	S H S
			LOWER	REACH	UPPER	REACH		
CBA	1-08-5365-002	PARK CREEK	3.5 KM ABOVE MOUTH	4.3 KM ABOVE FIELDIN	30N 26W	36	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	8-4
CBC	1-08-5365-006	PARK CREEK	UPPER FORKS AT 19°.3	2 KM ABOVE UPPER	F	2	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	2-2
DBJ	1-08-5370-001	PARK CREEK	MOUTH	2 KM ABOVE MOUTH	36N 21W	23	AKOKALA CREEK	1-6
DBY	1-08-5370-002	PILGRIM CREEK	2 KM ABOVE MOUTH	7 KM ABOVE MOUTH	36N 21W	14	BELLY CREEK	1-6
383	4-17-5988-000	PINCHOT CREEK	MOUTH	MOUTH	36N 21W	14	COAL CREEK	1-6
C72	1-08-5530-001	PINCHOT CREEK	1.6 KM ABOVE MOUTH	1.8 KM ABOVE MOUTH	31N 16W	25	COAL CREEK	1-6
C71	1-08-5530-002	POPLAR RIVER SEC. 01	INDIAN RESERVATION	0.8 KM ABOVE PERIL C	31N 16W	12	MISSOURI RIVER	3-9
A7W	6-16-2820-002	POPLAR RIVER SEC. 02	E FK	E FK	33N 48E	33	MISSOURI RIVER	3-9
A7X	6-16-2375-000	PODDER RIVER	STATE LINE	STATE LINE	36N 48E	33	MISSOURI RIVER	3-9
773	7-21-0750-000	POWDER RIVER	MOUTH	MOUTH	11N 50E	04	YELLOWSTONE RIVER	3-9
D86	3-17-6032-000	PRICKLY PEAR CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	28N 13W	03	LAKE HELENA	3-9
ASD	3-08-53620-000	PUZZLE CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE QUARTZ LAKE	34N 20W	16	MORRISON CREEK	6-4
DB6	1-08-5650-001	QUARRY CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	19N 17W	04	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	10-1
DUM	1-07-3640-001	RED BUTTE CREEK	MOUTH	1 KM ABOVE 2ND BRDG	35N 21W	08	KRAFT CREEK	1-6
AJO	3-01-16140-001	RED ROCK RIVER SEC. 01	MOUTH	BIG SHEEP CREEK	105 100E	29	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	7-7
785	6-16-2940-002	REDWATER RIVER	MOUTH	SOURCE	24N 50E	01	CLARK CANYON RESERVOIR	30-7
ASC	1-08-5880-000	ROMAN CREEK	MOUTH	INDIAN RESERVATION	15N 30W	02	MISSOURI RIVER	7-2
D47	2-05-6016-000	Rosebud Creek	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	06N 42E	16	CLARK FORK CREEK	6-4
AH4	3-01-6360-001	RUBY RIVER SEC. 01	MOUTH	RUBY RESERVOIR	045 06W	04	BEAVERHEAD RIVER	6-4
783	7-21-0528-001	ROSEBUD CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	15N 04E	24	SMITH RIVER	3-9
AH4	3-01-6360-001	ROSEBUD CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	127N 09W	35	DUPUYER CREEK	4-4
2751	4-17-6944-000	ROSEBUD CREEK	MOUTH	1.0 KM ABOVE MOUTH	07N 03W	03	DUTCHMAN CREEK	1-0
3221	4-17-6549-000	ROSEBUD CREEK	MOUTH	RR LINE	135N 04E	11	MADISON RIVER	1-0
DQH	3-17-6952-000	SFK DUTCHMAN CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	04N 17W	12	ROSS FORK ROCK CREEK	8-3
ADE	3-13-5400-001	SFK MADISON RIVER	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	30N 11W	22	TRAIL CREEK	4-8
DAG	2-06-6023-000	SFK ROSS FORK CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	08N 03W	26	TWO MEDICINE RIVER	1-5
DCA	1-08-6700-001	SFK TRAIL CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	08N 03W	26	WARM SPRINGS CREEK	4-4
D26	4-14-5680-002	SFK TWO MEDICINE RIVER	MOUTH	STATE LINE	37N 22W	09	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	2-1
BYD	3-17-7072-200	SFK WARM SPRINGS CREEK	MOUTH	STATE LINE	06N 37E	04	WARM SPRINGS CREEK	2-1
DBT	1-08-6030-001	SAGE CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	05N 21W	09	BITTERROOT RIVER SEC	1-6
ALQ	7-21-0895-001	SARPY CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	26N 13W	03	BOWL CREEK	1-6
DAC	2-03-5175-000	SAWTOOTH CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	126N 13W	03	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	1-6
ASA	1-08-6120-000	SCALP CREEK	MOUTH	1 KM ABOVE ROUGE CREEK	26N 13W	04	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	1-6
DDA	1-08-6160-002	SCHAFFER CREEK	MOUTH	0.4 KM BELOW ROUGE CREEK	26N 13W	04	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	1-6
DD6	1-08-6160-003	SCHAFFER CREEK	MOUTH	1 KM ABOVE ROUGE CREEK	28N 08W	32	DUPUYER CREEK	1-4
317	4-14-4920-000	SCUFFIN CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	25N 21W	29	BITTERROOT RIVER SEC	2-3
A6B	1-08-6260-000	SEAGENT CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	07N 21W	29	NEZ PERCE FK BITTER	2-3
D4E	2-03-5275-002	SEAFISHAN CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	015N 23W	07	WHALE CREEK	1-6
D4F	2-03-5325-000	SHEEPHEAD CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	35N 23W	07	CLARK FORK RIVER SEC	16-0
D4G	2-05-6320-002	SHORTY CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	025 22W	02	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	16-0
D4G	2-05-6368-002	SIXMILE CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	12N 04E	14	MISSOURI RIVER	1-4
D4G	2-03-5500-000	SLATE CREEK	MOUTH	PAINTED ROCKS RESERVOIR	12N 04E	14	CLARK FORK RIVER	2-4
D2P	4-17-5832-006	SOUTH CALLAHAN CREEK	MOUTH	FOR LOGAN BRIDGE	31N 35W	24	CALLAHAN CREEK	2-4
BLB	1-11-6210-000	SOUTH CALLAHAN CREEK	MOUTH	STATE LINE	01N 09E	03	SHIELDS RIVER	8-0
569	3-22-5940-000	SPRING CREEK & TRIBS	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	37N 22W	23	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	2-0
DBS	1-08-66945-001	SPRUCE CREEK	MOUTH	STATE LINE	37N 22W	14	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	3-4
737	2-05-6064-001	ST REGIS RIVER	MOUTH	DE BORGIA	18N 27W	30	CLARK FORK RIVER	4-6
DB6	2-05-6064-002	ST REGIS RIVER	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	19N 30W	25	GEORGE CREEK	2-0
A5B	1-08-6940-000	STADIUM CREEK	MOUTH	SOURCE	23N 35W	11	LAKE CREEK	4-8
985	1-11-6480-000	STANLEY CREEK	MOUTH	HEADWATERS	29N 35W	25	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	8-0
DBR	1-08-6990-001	STARVATION CREEK	MOUTH	8 KM ABOVE MOUTH	37N 22W	25	N FK FLATHEAD RIVER	8-0



## **Appendix B**

### **Map of Value Class I Spring Creeks Requiring Bridges to be Replaced with Bridges**

## **Appendix C**

### **List of FWP Criteria I.B. (Warmwater) Streams Requiring Bridges to be Replaced with Bridges**

IB Streams Requiring Bridges To Be Replaced with Bridges

Stream Name	County	Reach	Description
Battle Creek	Blaine	Mouth to T33N, R20E, S30	
Beaver Creek	Phillips & Valley	Mouth to T31N, R35E, S21	
Beaver Creek	Hill	Mouth to T31N, R15E, S21, except where culverts now exist.	
Beaver Creek	Wibaux	MT-ND border to mouth of Rattlesnake Creek in T11N, R60E, Sec. 30.	
Bennie Peer Creek	Richland	Mouth to MT-ND border	
Big Sandy Creek	Chouteau & Hill	Mouth to T32N, R15E, S5	
Big Muddy	Roosevelt & Sheridan	Mouth T28N, R55E, S28	
Box Elder Creek	Carter	MT-SD border to mouth of Muskrat Creek in T4S, R58E, S35	
Cabin Creek	Dawson & Prairie	Mouth to County Road Crossing in T12N, R55E, S27	
Clear Creek	Blaine	Mouth to T33N, R18E, S29	
Cottonwood Creek	Wibaux	Mouth to Road Crossing in T17N, R58E, S6	
Crane Creek	Richland	Mouth to Gartsdie Reservoir in T21N, R58E, S16	
Deer Creek	Dawson	Mouth to North Fork Deer Creek in T17N, R53E, S10	
Dunlap Creek	Richland	Mouth to Road Crossing in T20N, R57E, S5	
East Fork Poplar River	Daniels	Mouth to Canadian Border	

IB Streams Requiring Bridges to be Replaced with Bridges continued.

Stream Name	County	Reach Description
First Hay Creek	Richland	Mouth to tributary to First Hay Creek in T24N, R58E, S7
Fox Creek	Richland	All of stream - mouth to confluence of forks in T22N, R58E, S27
North Fork Fox Cr	Richland	Confluence with South Fork to T22N, R57E, S15
South Fork Fox Cr	Richland	Confluence with North Fork to tributary in T22N, R55E, S12 (one mile east of Lambert)
Frenchman Creek	Phillips	Mouth to T32N, R35E, S13
Hanging Woman	Rosebud	Mouth to confluence with Lee Creek in T6S, R43E, S32
Little Bighorn River	Big Horn	Mouth to Diversion Dam at Crow Agency in T3S, R34E, S1 <del>Mouth to Diversion Dam at Crow Agency in T3N-R34E, S1</del>
Little Box Elder Creek	Hill	Mouth to T32N, R17E S4
Little Porcupine Creek	Valley	Mouth to T27N, R44E, S28
Little porcupine Creek	Rosebud	Mouth to Rattlesnake Creek in T9N, R40E, S10
Little Missouri	Carter	Entire length of river in Montana.

**IB Streams Requiring Bridges To Be Replaced with bridges continued.**

Stream Name	County	Reach Description
Little Beaver Cr	Carter & Fallon	MT-ND border to mouth of Russell Cr in T2N, R58E, S18
Lodge Creek	Blaine	Mouth to T33N, R19E, S26
O'Fallon Creek	Prairie, Custer & Fallon	Mouth to mouth of Timber Cr in T7N, R56E, S32
Otter Creek	Rosebud & Powder	Mouth to mouth of Threemile Creek in T4S, R45E, S3
peoples Creek	Blaine & Phillip	Mouth to T31N, R26E, S29
Poplar River	Roosevelt & Daniels Valley	Mouth to Canadian Border
Porcupine Cr		Mouth to T36N, R42E, S32
Pumpkin Creek	Valley	Mouth to T36N, R42E, S32
Red Rock Coulee	Blaine	Mouth to T33N, R19E, S17
Redwater River	McCone	Mouth to Town of Circle
Rock Creek	Valley	Mouth to T31N, R36E, S22
Rosebud Creek	Rosebud & Big Horn	Mouth to mouth of dry creek in T6S, R39E, S32
Sage Creek	Hill	Mouth to T30N, R13E, S14
Sandstone Creek	Fallon County	Mouth to mouth of South Sandstone Creek in T8N, R58E, S31
Smith Creek	Richland & Wibaux	Mouth to North Dakota Border

**IB Streams Requiring Bridges to Be Replaced with Bridges continued.**

Stream Name	County	Reach Description
Sunday Creek	Custer	Mouth to confluence of South and North Forks in T8N, R47E, S18
Thirteen Mile Cr	Dawson	Mouth to South Fork in T19N, R55E, S35
Thirty Mile Creek	Blaine	Mouth to T32N, R23E, S21
Upper Seven-Mile Creek	Dawson	Mouth to Lindsay Reservoir in T17N, R51E, S24 (1/2 mile south of town of Lindsay)
War Dance Creek	Dawson	Mouth to Fork of Creek in T18N, R56E, S1
West Fork Poplar River	Roosevelt & Dawson	Mouth to Hwy #248 Crossing near town of Richard
Wolf Creek River	Roosevelt	Mouth to T27N, R47E, S17

## **Appendix D**

### **List of Montana Species of Special Concern**

MONTANA FISHES OF SPECIAL CONCERN

Class A Limited numbers and/or limited habitats in both Montana and elsewhere in North America; elimination from Montana would be a significant loss to the gene pool of the species or subspecies.

Paddlefish\*  
Yellowstone cutthroat trout  
Westslope cutthroat trout  
Arctic grayling (fluvial)  
Bull trout

Class B Intermediate between class A & C. Limited numbers and/or habitats in Montana; fairly widespread and fair numbers in North America as a whole. Elimination from Montana would be at least a moderate loss to the gene pool of the species or subspecies.

Interior redband trout  
Sturgeon chub\*  
Sicklefin chub\*

Class C Limited numbers and/or limited habitats in Montana; widespread and numerous in North America as a whole. Elimination from Montana would be only a minor loss to the gene pool of the species or subspecies.

Shortnose gar\*  
Pearl dove  
Northern redbelly dace  
Trout - perch  
Shorthead sculpin  
Spoonhead sculpin  
Blue sucker\*

\* Large river or reservoir species living only in waters where culverts would not be feasible.

## **Appendix E**

### **Chronological Summary of Fisheries Task Force Activities**

## FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force Meeting Summary

The FWP/MDT Fisheries Task Force was implemented May 1, 1995, jointly by the Director's of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).

Members of the Task Force, as originally implemented, consisted of the following:

FWP- Phil Stewart, Miles City, Co-Chair  
George Liknes, Great Falls  
Scott Rumsey, Kalispell  
Don Peters, Missoula  
Ken Chrest, Helena Consultant

MDT- Gordon Stockstad, Helena, Co-Chair  
George Swartz, Missoula  
Mark Traxler, Helena  
Carl Peil, Helena  
Joe Kolman, Helena  
Ben Dean<sup>4</sup>, Helena

The group has met a total of nine times beginning with the first meeting on June 27, 1995. Meeting minutes have been recorded for each meeting, distributed, reviewed prior to and approved at the beginning of each subsequent meeting. Following is a *brief* summary of business conducted at each meeting to date:

### **June 27, 1995**

Developed Draft Goal Statements

Compiled sixteen objectives divided into six categories, based on identified interests, issues, conflicts, challenges and opportunities.

### **August 22, 1995**

Setup and Agreed to Future Meeting Format

Revised and agreed to: the Goal Statement, Objective 1.A., and Objective 2.C. Accepted Goal and Objectives.

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<sup>4</sup>At the second meeting of the group (August 22, 1995), it was agreed to add one additional representative from MDT Construction. Also, participating in an advisory (non-voting) capacity, are Kirk Eakin and Dick McIntyre from MDT and Glenn Phillips from FWP.

Agreed the first work priority of the group would be Category 2. ("Fish Habitat protection:), with emphasis on Objective 2.B., ("develop Criteria to determine type of stream crossing (bridge, culvert, culvert extension) to be used").

#### **October 31, 1995**

Focused on Objective 2.B. "Develop criteria to determine type of stream crossing...to be used."

Agreed that each agency would prepare a rough draft of their criteria for stream crossings. These drafts were circulated for comment prior to the next meeting.

#### **January 23, 1996**

Focused on review of each agency's draft criteria.

MDT Criteria (1/11/96 draft) for Objective 2.B. was reviewed and accepted as revised and noted in the meeting minutes for 1/23/96 and 3/19/96.

FWP Criteria (1/16/96 draft) for Objective 2.B. was reviewed and revised for further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **March 19, 1996**

Focused on review and discussion of FWP Criteria (3/4/96 draft) for Objective 2.B.

FWP Criteria for Objective 2.B. reviewed and revised for further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **May 30, 1996**

FWP Criteria (5/17/96 draft) for Objective 2.B. reviewed, discussed and accepted as revised and noted in the meeting minutes for 5/30/96).

Item II.E. of the FWP Criteria was deleted at the 3/12/96 meeting and became the 1st draft (5/30/96) of MDT's "Detour, Haul Road or Ford Facilities Construction Adjacent to Streams or Ephemeral Drainages." This draft was reviewed, discussed and revised for further review at the next meeting.

The 1st draft (5/14/96) of MDT's "Procedure for Early Coordination..." was reviewed and revised for further discussion at the next meeting.

#### **August 6, 1996**

The 2nd draft (8/1/96) of MDT's "Procedure for Early Coordination and Review of Proposed

Transportation Projects" was reviewed and accepted for use on a one-year trial basis. Procedure to also include a checklist to be formulated by the project biologists to facilitate information gathering.

Focused on 2nd draft (7/29/96) of MDT's "Detour, Haul Road or Ford Facilities..." review and revisions were agreed to for final draft to be re-circulated through MDT. 3rd draft (8/12/96) was circulated for comments within MDT. Comments were requested by 9/6/96.

Regarding Objective 2.A. ("Develop mutually agreeable fish passage criteria for both eastern and western Montana."), draft Chapter 15 of the AASHTO guide was discussed, with MDT to keep the group informed of further developments. MDT and FWP agreed to prepare a video of selected problem sites for the next meeting.

FWP discussed results of a survey of FWP biologists to identify areas where maintenance should be improved and areas that are trouble spots.

#### **December 12, 1996**

Focus was on the video presentation prepared by FWP and MDT. Discussion of each site included nature of the problem and possible solutions. No decisions were reached.

Final draft (8/12/96) of "Detour, Haul Road or Ford Facilities..." was tabled to the next meeting.

#### **February 27, 1997**

Focused on discussion/presentation regarding Objectives 2.D. ("Define ways to decrease need for channel changes") and 2.E. ("Minimize loss of habitat at bridges and longitudinal encroachments"). Item II of the 2/2/97 meeting minutes (not yet approved) summarizes discussion.

Comments provided by the group concluded that longitudinal flood encroachments (LFE's) can only be modified on a case-by-case basis and the best solution may be early coordination and information exchange between agencies, with meaningful comment by FWP to MDT at the project alignment and grade stage. No agreement was reached by the group.

A work group will prepare a problem statement for discussion at the next meeting regarding "Salmonid passage Procedural Criteria" (Objective 2.A.).

The group tentatively agreed to begin identifying Task Force Recommendations to be put forth in a report format.

**May 22, 1997**

The group discussed FWP's recent presentation to the MDT Maintenance Chief's meeting. The presentation dealt with site specific problems resulting from concentrations of sanding material along and into streams. The group decided to formulate a plan for getting MDT maintenance staffs and regional FWP biologists together to become acquainted and to identify problems and solutions. This plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

The group discussed the possible development of a Salmonid Passage/Procedural Criteria Manual and the progress of the work group assigned to preparing a problem statement and outline. Estimated to cost \$10,000-\$20,000; need to select specific available technical materials for consultant review to determine feasibility of creating a composite manual to compliment the AASHTO Chapter 15. MDT and FWP are agreeable to cost share a mutually agreeable consultant for this review. This issue was continued to the next meeting agenda.

The group reviewed and discussed all past Task Force actions and recommendations: accepted the final draft of the "Detour, Haul Road or Ford Facilities..." document; determined that a draft compilation of Task Force recommendations in report format will be prepared for the next meeting.

**July 15, 1997**

The group discussed the draft Report of Recommendations and made suggestions for final format and contents. Another draft report will be circulated for comment, then possibly distributed to the Fisheries Division Administrator and the Environmental Services Administrator for agency action on the Task Force Recommendations.

The Salmonid Passage/ Procedure Manual group will continue to work on evaluation and development of the manual. This continuing effort is a Task Force Recommendation.

The plan for a series of MDT/FWP Maintenance Area/Regional meetings was approved by the group and will be included in the Task Force Report of Recommendations.

The group endorsed the continuation of an interagency "core group" and will provide a recommendation for who should comprise the group from each agency. This group would oversee continuing efforts such as the Salmonid Passage/Procedural Manual and development of all other approved Task Force recommendations.