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PROJECT AGREEMENT

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MONTANA

PROJECT NO.

F-50-D(MA)

SEGMENT NO.

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AGREEMENT PERIOD

From: December 1, 1988

To: December 31, 1990

PROJECT TITLE

SOMERS BOAT ACCESS

PROJECT COST DISTRIBUTION

☒ Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act

(16 U.S.C. 777-777k) 50 CFR Part 80

☐ Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act

(16 U.S.C. 669-669i) 50 CFR Part 80

☐ Other (specify) _____

TOTAL

Total Cost	State Share	Federal Share
300,000	75,000	225,000
300,000	75,000	225,000

OTHER PROJECT PROVISIONS

The State agrees to execute the project in accordance with the Acts checked above, and the pertinent rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior contained in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Aid Manual; and the previously approved Application for Federal Assistance to the extent encompassed by this Agreement, including the Assurances attached thereto.

STATE AGENCY (Name and Address)

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
1420 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

SIGNATURE

Roberta J. Balaz

TITLE

Federal Aid Coordinator

DATE

November 4, 1988

SPECIAL PROJECT CONDITIONS

APPROVED FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SIGNATURE

TITLE

Acting

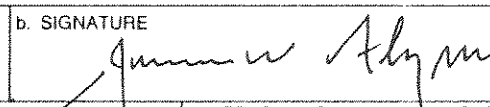
Deputy Assistant Regional
Director For Federal Aid

DATE

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Approved Effective DEC 1 1988

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	a. NUMBER F-50-D(MA)	3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	a. NUMBER MT880928-154-X
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION (Mark appropriate box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF INTENT (OPTIONAL) <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION	b. DATE Year month day 19 88 9 27	NOTE: TO BE ASSIGNED BY STATE		b. DATE ASSIGNED Year month day 19 88 9 28
4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT		5. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)		6. PRO-GRAM (From CFDA)	
a. Applicant Name Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks b. Organization Unit c. Street/P.O. Box 1420 East Sixth Avenue d. City Helena e. State Montana f. Contact Person (Name & Telephone No.) Bobbi Balaz 406-444-4756		a. County Lewis and Clark g. ZIP Code 59620		a. NUMBER 1 5 * 6 0 5 b. TITLE Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration D-J	
7. TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT (Use section IV of this form to provide a summary description of the project.) Somers Boat Access		8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT A—State B—Interstate C—Substate D—County E—City F—School District G—Special Purpose District H—Community Action Agency I—Higher Educational Institution J—Indian Tribe K—Other (Specify):		Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A	
9. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, states, etc.) Somers Area - Flathead County		10. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING		11. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE A—Basic Grant B—Supplemental Grant C—Loan D—Insurance E—Other Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> A	
12. PROPOSED FUNDING		13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:		14. TYPE OF APPLICATION A—New B—Renewal C—Revision D—Continuation E—Augmentation Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A	
a. FEDERAL \$ 225,000 .00 b. APPLICANT .00 c. STATE 75,000 .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. Total \$ 300,000 .00		a. APPLICANT 1 - Western b. PROJECT 1 - Western 15. PROJECT START DATE Year month day 19 88 12 1 16. PROJECT Exp. DURATION 12-31-90 25 Months 18. DATE DUE TO FEDERAL AGENCY Year month day 19 88 11 1		17. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 14c or 14e) A—Increase Dollars B—Decrease Dollars C—Increase Duration D—Decrease Duration E—Cancellation F—Other (Specify): N/A Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/>	
19. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST a. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT (IF APPROPRIATE) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service c. ADDRESS P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center Denver, Colorado 80225		U.S. Department of the Interior b. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT (IF KNOWN) Federal Aid		20. EXISTING FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER N/A	
22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT▶ To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved.		a. YES, THIS NOTICE OF INTENT/PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 FOR REVIEW ON: DATE September 28, 1988 b. NO, PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372 OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW <input type="checkbox"/>			
23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE James W. Flynn, Director		b. SIGNATURE 			
24. APPLICATION RECEIVED 19 Year month day		25. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		26. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION Approved Effective DEC 1 1988	
27. ACTION TAKEN <input type="checkbox"/> a. AWARDED <input type="checkbox"/> b. REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> d. RETURNED FOR E.O. 12372 SUBMISSION BY APPLICANT TO STATE <input type="checkbox"/> e. DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> f. WITHDRAWN		28. FUNDING a. FEDERAL \$.00 b. APPLICANT .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$.00		29. ACTION DATE 19 DEC 5 1988 30. STARTING DATE 19 Year month day 31. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number) Jerry J. Blackard 803-236-7392 Deputy Assistant Regional Director For Federal Aid	
32. ENDING DATE 19 Year month day		33. REMARKS ADDED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

SECTION IV--REMARKS (Please reference the proper item number from Sections I, II or III, if applicable)

Item 7 Project Description

This project will provide for the reconstruction and development of boating access facilities at Somers on the Flathead Lake in Flathead County. It will provide for reconstruction and development of a boat ramp, parking facilities, and associated facilities in order to facilitate motorboat access and enhance sport fishing opportunities.

Item 12 Proposed Funding

The costs listed are for direct costs only. Negotiated indirect costs will not be charged because this is a construction project.

INFORMATION STATEMENT: "Quantification of the proposed work components were added to page 4 of the AFA following transmittal of information via phone from Bobbi Balaz on 12/2/88. Bobbi verbally approved inserting the additions to the AFA on the same date."

JOB DESCRIPTION

STATE: Montana
JOB TITLE: Somers Boat Access
PROJECT #:

JOB OBJECTIVE: To improve and develop boating facilities at Somers FAS to enhance boating/fishing opportunities on Flathead Lake and increase the angling days at Somers from 25,000 to 30,000 per year by 1990.

LOCATION OF WORK: Somers is located on the northwest shore of Flathead Lake in Flathead County, Montana. It is located approximately ten miles south of Kalispell.

APPROACH: As per AFA.

PRINCIPAL PERSONNEL:

Al Elser, Region 1 Supervisor, Kalispell
Jim Vashro, Region 1 Fisheries Manager, Kalispell
Terry Knupp, Region 1 Parks Manager, Kalispell
Pat Graham, Fisheries Division Administrator, Helena
Dick Mayer, Design and Construction Bureau Chief, Helena
Bobbi Balaz, Federal Aid Coordinator, Helena

JOB DURATION: December 1, 1988 through December 31, 1990

DIRECT COST:

Total direct cost: \$300,000
Federal share: 75 percent
State share: 25 percent

PREPARED BY:

Bobbi Balaz, Federal Aid Coordinator
November 3, 1988

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STATE: MONTANA
PROJECT: SOMERS BOAT ACCESS
PROJECT #:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

An environmental assessment of activities covered by this project was deemed unnecessary since the nature and scope of the activities falls within the guidelines for categorical exclusion as published by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in Volume 47, No. 127 of the Federal Register, Page 28882, Section 1.4.B(3).

The limitations for categorical exclusion as listed on pages 34-35 of "NEPA in Federal Aid Proposals - Guidance to the States: FWS, September 1980 were considered, and it was determined that there are no conflicts and they do not preclude use of the categorical exclusion.

In arriving at this decision, the following items were considered:

1. Floodplain Management, E.O. 11998

Consultation with the Flathead County Floodplain Administrator and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation showed that the area is in a designated 100-year floodplain. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (DFWP) submitted the required plans and floodplain permit application to the County and is awaiting approval. Less than ten percent of the floodplain would be affected by this proposal.

2. Protection of Wetlands, E.O. 11990

The proposed work will not occur in or result in modification of a wetland environment.

3. Farmland Protection Policy Act, P.L. 97-98

As verified by the Soil Conservation District clearance provided on Form No. AD-1006, included as Appendix A, this project does not impact prime or unique farmlands in the valley.

4. Historical and Cultural Preservation (National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 USC 470)

The State Historic Preservation Office provided a clearance on this project, included as Appendix B. They stated that, "...No cultural sites are currently on record in these development locations and the likelihood for undisturbed heritage sites is low given the previous disturbances there." They further provided "...that these undertakings be allowed to proceed in compliance with Montana Antiquities and the National Historic Preservation Act."

5. Endangered Species Act of 1973

The local representative of the FWS and the DFWP waterfowl biologist were consulted as to the impacts of the re-development of the fishing access site on threatened and endangered species. Activities covered by this project will not affect any Federally listed endangered or threatened species or their designated critical habitats. Although Bald eagles utilize areas near the site (approximately 8 miles) for feeding, nesting and flight paths during their migration, the project is not anticipated to disturb any present eagle use.

Species considered include: black-footed ferret, gray wolf, grizzly bear, eskimo curlew, interior least tern, piping plover, whooping crane, bald eagle and peregrine falcon.

6. State Clearinghouse, E.O. 12372

The proposed project has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse for the required 30 day review. See letter included as Appendix C. No comments were received by the October 28, 1988, deadline.

7. Additional Public Involvement

In August 1988, a newspaper article was published regarding the Department's proposal to renovate the Somers fishing access site. At that time, the Department proposed to prohibit swimming at the site and only allow motorboat access activities. This resulted in considerable controversy because the site had historically received some use for swimming in addition to its primary use for motorboat access.

Opposition to a prohibition against swimming appeared in letters to the editor, in a 500-name petition that was submitted to the Governor, through phone calls from various citizens and from a State Senator. In response to the controversy that arose as a result of the initial proposal, the Department modified the proposal so as to permit other uses such as swimming but not spend any development funds under the project for such purposes.

Numerous meetings and telephone conversations were conducted with groups and individuals who had earlier expressed concerns. In addition to the Clearinghouse review, the DFWP solicited public comments at a breakfast meeting session on September 6, 1988, with State Senator Bob Brown and constituents and at an open house forum on September 8, 1988, conducted at the Regional Headquarters in Kalispell. Again, that evening, the proposed project was reviewed at a local sportsman's meeting, Flathead Wildlife Inc. The main issue of concern, the limiting of swimming at the site, was addressed in a project review report to the Governor in response to the petition.

As a result of the extensive efforts described above, the proposal is no longer controversial and may legitimately proceed through utilization of a Categorical Exclusion. The Approach section of the attached Application for Federal Assistance provides additional detail regarding the issue of other uses that occur at the site in addition to its primary activity of motorboat access.

8. Statement of Assurances

The Department will comply with all applicable Federal requirements. The Statement of Assurances is included as Appendix D.

STATE: MONTANA
PROJECT TITLE: SOMERS BOAT ACCESS
IMPROVEMENT OF BOAT ACCESS FACILITIES ON
FLATHEAD LAKE, MONTANA

I. NEED

Flathead Lake, the largest natural body of fresh water lying west of the Mississippi River, is 37 miles long, 15 miles wide, and has 135 miles of shoreline. Thousands of residents and tourists annually visit the lake to enjoy fishing and boating opportunities. The lake supports fisheries for westslope cutthroat trout, bull trout, lake trout, kokanee salmon, mountain and lake whitefish, and yellow perch. A cooperative fish management plan for Flathead Lake and River system, currently in draft form, fully describes the fishery and its needs (attached). This plan was written by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (DFWP) and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes to guide fisheries management and associated resources. The plan contains a description of the Flathead watershed, system-wide fisheries management goals, species specific fisheries information including objectives and strategies and a description of fish habitat protection activities and will be finalized in January, 1989.

Most of the beach and lands immediately surrounding Flathead Lake are privately owned. There is public access to less than 10 percent of Flathead Lake's shoreline miles at about 15 public properties. Somers Fishing Access Site (FAS) is the only public access site within 10 miles of Kalispell, the largest town in northwest Montana. The next closest public site is Wayfarers State Recreation Area (SRA) at Bigfork, which is about 17 miles from Kalispell. Fishing pressure on Flathead Lake is very heavy, with anglers attracted by the nationally renowned scenery and type of fishing and boating opportunities. Flathead Lake has been ranked second in the state of fishing pressure with about 100,000 days of fishing annually.

Prior to 1985 the proposed development site at Somers was operated by the Montana Highway Department as a rest area for travelers on U.S. 93. A boat ramp and dock was installed in the 1960's. In 1985, responsibility for the site's management was transferred to the Department in recognition of its predominant use by recreationists and the need for adequate boat facilities. (See 50-year lease document included as Appendix E.)

The original boat ramp developed by the Highway Department is narrow and too short to allow deep water launching. The associated docks have since deteriorated past safety standards and were removed or temporarily patched. The parking space area is not large enough to accommodate large numbers of vehicles with boat trailers. The public at times has to drive another 10-20 miles to find an alternate launch site simply because the Somers

site is full. Additionally, often the boaters have to wait over an hour to launch or trailer their boats because of the line up of boaters ahead of them. The Department has been unable to change these conditions because of a lack of funds.

The proximity of the site to population centers and its being the closest public access to Flathead Lake from Kalispell has assisted this facility in becoming one of the most popular boat launching sites around the lake. It is estimated that from 45-50,000 visitor days (expansion of 1988 summer car counter data) of fishing and boating have originated from this site annually. Without this project, we would expect little increase of use since it is felt that peak seasonal use has now been reached. Improvement of boat launching and parking design would provide a more effective use of limited space and could increase the numbers of visitors using this site.

II. OBJECTIVE

To improve and develop boat access facilities at Somers FAS to enhance boating/fishing opportunities on Flathead Lake and increase the angling days at Somers from 10,000 to 15,000 per year by 1990.

III. EXPECTED BENEFITS

Flathead Lake currently receives approximately 100,000 angler days of fishing pressure plus 40,000 days of recreation boating use. Boat access to the northern areas of Flathead Lake from the Somers site is estimated to be 25 percent of the total use on the Lake. Fishing pressure on Flathead Lake increased by about 5 percent in the 5-year period 1981-1986. Angler day objectives for the state have been set for 1.4 million by 1990, an increase of 11 percent from 1984 levels. A portion of this increase will occur in Region One and Flathead Lake. Objectives for Region One have also been set at an 11 percent increase. Since Flathead lake receives approximately 25 percent of the region's fishing pressure, the objective by 1990 will be to increase angler days by 5,000 at the Somers site. With improved facilities at Somers and the close proximity of Kalispell 10 miles away, with a population of 26,000, a goal of 15,000 angler days of fishing pressure on Flathead Lake at the Somers site is realistic.

One contributing factor to the high use of the Somers facility is that it provides year round access to all water levels of the lake. Several thousand angler days occur at the site during the winter through boat fishing and ice fishing. Fisheries management plans for the period 1987-1992 call for expanding fishing opportunities on Flathead Lake. Research and management efforts on the lake have been on-going for several years and will continue to occur.

IV. APPROACH

The Somers FAS is approximately 2 acres in size. It is owned by the Montana Highway Department, which has entered into a 50-year (1987-2037) easement to the Department to maintain and operate the site.

The Somers site has historically offered a variety of activities to the public including fishing, boating and swimming. It is also used extensively in the winter, either as an ice fishing access point or a boat launching facility.

The proposed improvements are for motorboat access facilities. The primary purpose of the site has been and will continue to be for motorboat access. Although there have been and will continue to be secondary activities occurring, no funds will be expended for such purposes. Oftentimes, swimming or picnicking are uses occurring incidental to motorboat/fishing outings. It would be undesirable, unreasonable and nearly impossible to enforce a prohibition against a use such as swimming at this or any other site. As is explained in more detail below, no additional funds are to be spent at the site for other uses. Funds are for boat ramps, docks, parking area, and restrooms. The parking area is not being oversized to accommodate other uses: nor are the restroom facilities.

As mentioned previously, the site is relatively small given the substantial use that it receives. So as to ensure safety at the site, the Department will install buoys and designate a no-wake zone. Coast Guard Boating Safety funds can be utilized for this purpose.

Existing Improvements

The site currently provides a single lane boat launching ramp, parking for 10 vehicles and trailers, parking for 12 cars, two vault toilets, 12' x 20' picnic shelter, and an 8' x 10' change house. A "pack-in/pack-out" technique is utilized to handle garbage.

The site is presently developed with asphalt, rip-rap, and bluegrass. The grass occasionally provides feed for Canada geese. There are about 10 Russian olive trees, a cottonwood tree and a willow clump along the west and north boundaries and a row of golden willow clumps occurs along the east side of the site, all of which provide habitat for songbird species. This will be retained to the extent possible.

Proposed Improvements

As indicated in the proposed site plan included as Appendix G, improvements will include the following items at the approximate costs listed:

Information added with
approval from Bobbi Bailey
12/2/88
HSE

		<u>Proposed Components</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
No	Size		
2	15 feet x 80 feet	1. Double-wide, deep water boat ramp/planks	\$ 4,000
4	410 linear feet	2. Boat docking/launching and mooring docks	82,000
1	37000 ft ²	3. Paved parking lot & paths to restrooms	72,500
1	350 linear ft.	4. Rip-rap and bank stabilization	30,200
1		5. Comfort Station (flush toilets) & utilities	60,000
1	1000 ft ²	6. Landscaping/reclaiming of grass	5,000
		7. Signing, lighting, fencing, gate, traffic counter	6,000
		8. Demolition <i>→ 800 ft² of deteriorated boat ramp</i>	3,000
		<i>→ 280 linear feet of deteriorated boat dock</i>	
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 262,700
		9. Engineering, inspection, testing	37,300
		TOTAL	\$ 300,000
7	signs	Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Funds:	75 percent
3	lights	State funds:	25 percent
00	linear feet of wood fencing		
1	gate		
1	traffic counter		

Design/Construction/Inspection

Final plans and specifications for the project will be developed by the State-appointed engineering consultant in conjunction with DFWP's engineering staff and the Flathead County representative.

Construction will be done by a private contractor to be selected by the Architecture and Engineering Division of the Montana Department of Administration through the state's competitive bid process. Final inspection will be the responsibility of the Architecture and Engineering Division.

All state and federal permits will be the responsibility of the Department. Permits will include lakeshore protection, Corps of Engineers 404 and floodplain review, among others such as hook-up to water and sewer line.

Maintenance of Facilities

The proposed facility will be maintained by the Department as a fishing access site. This will include occasional winter plowing for fishing/boating access and summer litter control, comfort station and latrine cleaning and dock repair. Yearly inspections will be conducted by the Department. User information will be gathered and recorded for statewide visitor tabulation reports through the use of car counter equipment and periodic surveys. Repairs will be completed by the Department. No user fees are anticipated to be collected at this facility.

V. LOCATION

As shown on maps included in Appendix F, the site is located approximately ten miles south of Kalispell on the northwest corner

of Flathead Lake. The area is bordered on the south by the lake, the north by U.S. Highway 93, and the east and west by private property. It is located in Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 21 West, MPM.

VI. SCHEDULE

Clearinghouse review	October 1988
FWS approval, consultant selected	November 1988
Permits approved	March 1989
Design completed	April 1989
Construction contract bid/award	July 1989
Construction completed	June 1990
Project close-out	December 1990

VII. PRINCIPAL PERSONNEL

Region One's DFWP personnel involved with the project are Regional Supervisor Al Elser, Fisheries Manager Jim Vashro, and Parks Manager Terry Knupp, all in Kalispell.

DFWP personnel in Helena who are involved with project include Fisheries Division Administrator Pat Graham, Design and Construction Bureau Chief Dick Mayer, and Federal Aid Coordinator Bobbi Balaz.

VIII. RELATION TO OTHER FEDERAL PROJECTS

The development as proposed is not related to any other federal project.

APPENDICES

- A - Soil Conservation Service Clearance
- B - State Historic Preservation Office Clearance
- C - State Clearinghouse Letter
- D - Statement of Assurances
- E - 50-Year Lease Agreement
- F - Maps
- G - Preliminary Site Plan

U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency) (DFWP)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request <u>10-20-88</u>	
Name Of Project <u>Somers Fishing Access Site</u>		Federal Agency Involved <u>MT Dept. Fish Wildlife & Boats</u>	
Proposed Land Use <u>Recreational Use</u>		County And State <u>Flathead - MT</u>	
PART II (To be completed by SCS)		Date Request Received By SCS <u>10/24/88</u>	
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form).		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Amount Of Farmland As Defined In FPPA Acres: %	Date Land Evaluation Returned By SCS <u>10/24/88</u>
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency) (DFWP)		Alternative Site Rating	
		Site A	Site B
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		<u>1</u>	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly			
C. Total Acres In Site		<u>1</u>	
PART IV (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Information		NOTE: This portion of the form was completed by the SCS Area Officer, Mr. Angel Rosario, on October 24, 1988.	
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland			
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value			
PART V (To be completed by SCS) Land Evaluation Criterion		Eden Galaz Federal Aid Coordinator	
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)			
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Maximum Points	
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))			
1. Area In Nonurban Use			
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government			
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average			
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services			
10. On-Farm Investments			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

This is an existing site which is proposed for re-design of facilities - No farm land is affected.

Eden Galaz
Fish Biologist



State Historic Preservation Office

Montana Historical Society

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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
BUREAU

February 6, 1987

Paul Valle
Cultural Resource Coordinator
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks
1420 East 6th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Boat Access developments:
East Bridge FAS
Laurel Boat Ramp - Riverside Park
Somers SRA

Dear Paul:

As requested, we have conducted a file search for each of the locations cited above. No cultural sites are currently on record in these development locations and the likelihood for undisturbed heritage sites is low given the previous disturbances there. These are locations with a high site likelihood and workers should be forewarned of the potential for encountering buried subsurface deposits during excavation.

We recommend that these undertakings be allowed to proceed in compliance with the Montana Antiquities Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

David Schwab,
Archaeologist/Anthropologist

File: FWP Boat Access developments

APPENDIX C



State of Montana
Office of The Lieutenant Governor
Helena 59620
(406)444-3111

W. GORDON McOMBER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

September 28, 1988

Ms. Bobbi Balaz
Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
1420 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

RE: Somers Boat Access
Montana State IGR Clearinghouse SAI No. MT880928-154-X

Dear Ms. Balaz:

The above-captioned application for federal financial assistance has been received. In order to provide notification to parties that may be interested in review and/or comment on the proposal, it will be listed in the next Intergovernmental Review Bulletin issued from this office.

Any inquiries or comments regarding the proposal will be directed to you. Please provide copies of the enclosed suggested review form to potential reviewers, those you feel should be invited to comment, as well as to any who may request the opportunity to do so. Copies of any comments received and a copy of this letter should be submitted to the U.S. Department of the Interior with the application papers, or forwarded to them to be attached if they are received after the application has been sent in. We have requested that comments be returned by October 28, 1988, and that copies be sent to the Clearinghouse for our files.

The Clearinghouse intends to take no further action on this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debbie Davis".

DEBBIE DAVIS
Clearinghouse Manager

Enclosure

APPENDIX D

ASSURANCES

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that he will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements including Office of Management and Budget Circulars Nos. A-87, A-95, and A-102 as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of Federal funds for this federally assisted project. Also, the applicant gives assurance and certifies with respect to the grant that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
2. It will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352) and in accordance with Title VI of that act, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant receives Federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.
3. It will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) prohibiting employment discrimination where (1) the primary purpose of a grant is to provide employment or (2) discriminatory employment practices will result in unequal treatment of persons who are or should be benefiting from the grant-aided activity.
4. It will ensure that the facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA.
5. It will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act which limit the political activity of employees.
6. It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, as they apply to hospital and educational institution employees of State and local governments.
7. It will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.
8. It will give the sponsoring agency or the Comptroller General through any authorized representative the access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant.
9. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Federal sponsoring agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements.

APPENDIX E

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Parcel: 1 & 2
Designation: Somers Rest Area

RECREATION SITE EASEMENT

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Montana Department of Highways, an agency of the State of Montana (hereinafter called "Grantor"), for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations, to it in hand paid by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks of the State of Montana (hereinafter called "Grantee"), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant and convey unto said Grantee, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege, easement and authority to take custody and possession of the lands hereinafter described for the purposes as follows: to construct, operate, maintain and establish fishing access sites, picnic and other public recreation areas over, across and upon the following described real estate, now owned by said Grantor, to-wit:

A tract of land in U.S. Gov't. Lot 3, Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 21 West P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana, lying southerly of the south 60 foot right-of-way line of Highway Project F 191(23) and extended easterly as shown shaded red on the attached plat marked "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the same unto the said Grantee for the period of fifty (50) years from and after the date of execution of this instrument, with the right to enter upon the above-described premises at any and all times for the purpose of establishing, developing and maintaining fishing access sites, picnic and public recreation areas, and in the event that said land shall cease to be used for said purpose for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months prior to normal expiration, then this easement shall become null and void, full possession and use of said property shall revert to the Grantor. The Grantee shall have a reasonable time thereafter to remove and repossess such improvements thereon as it desires unless such removal is specifically waived by the grantor.

By acceptance of this easement, it is mutually understood and agreed that in the event any of the above-listed tract will be required for highway purposes, the Grantee will vacate the premises and surrender possession of the tract unto the Grantor, and have a reasonable time to remove any improvements.

The Grantee will be responsible to maintain and police the property and will eradicate all noxious weeds upon the premises herein described at their sole expense.

The Grantee, for itself, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the considerations hereof, does hereby covenant and agree, as a covenant running with the land, that in the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the said property described in this easement, for the accommodation of the traveling public or business users of any Federal-aid highway (such as eating, sleeping, rest, recreation, and vehicle servicing), he will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin against such traveling public or highway users in their access to and use of the facilities and services so constructed, maintained or otherwise operated, and that the Grantee shall maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all other requirements imposed pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations may be amended.

That in the event of breach of any of the above non-discrimination covenants, the Grantor shall have the right to terminate the easement, to re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities hereon, and hold the same as if said easement had never been made or issued.

Both parties hereto agree that the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding executed by them May 1, 1974, shall be observed in the exercise of this easement so far as they are applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate first above
written.

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Helena, Montana.
My commission expires _____

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APPENDIX F

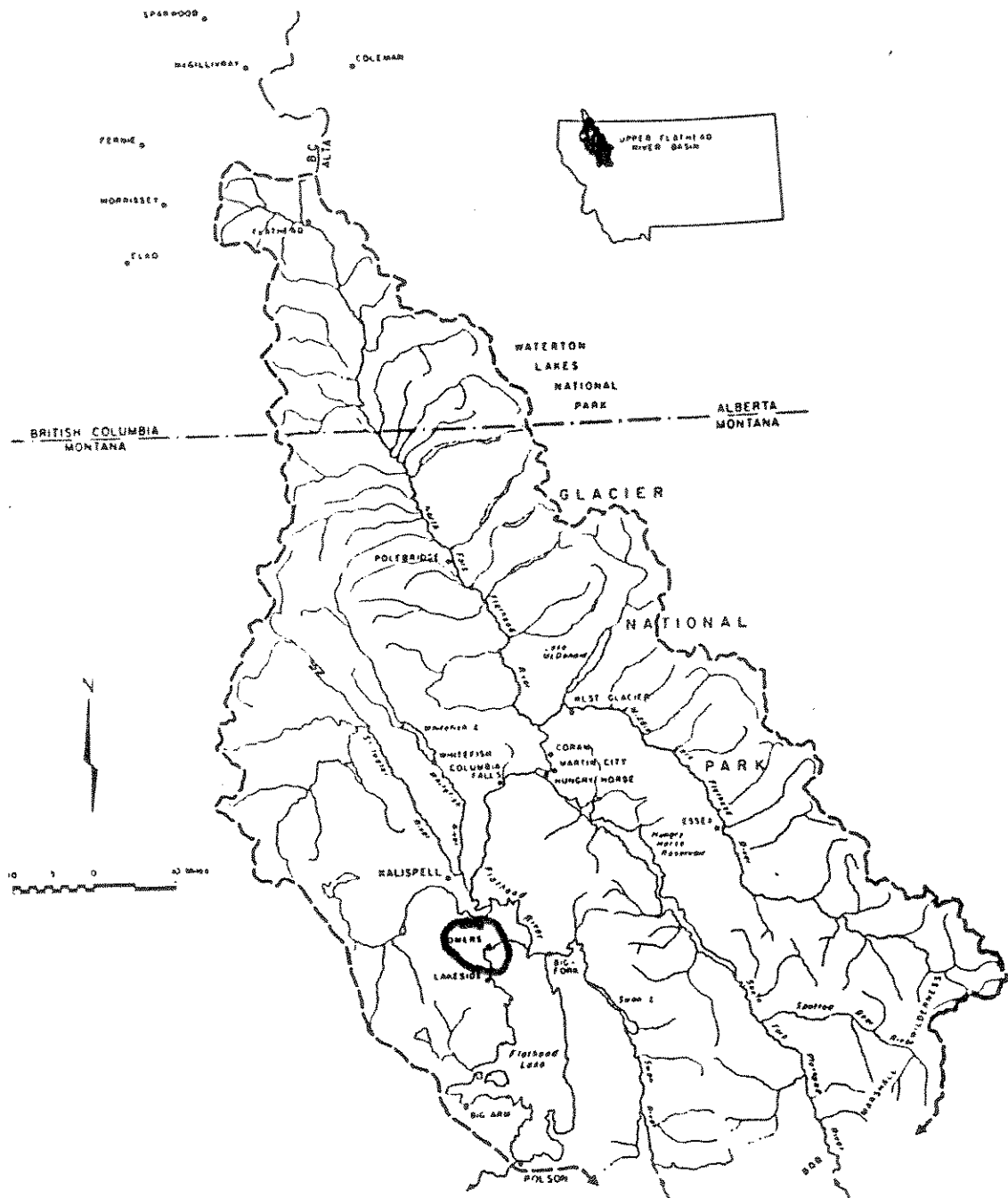
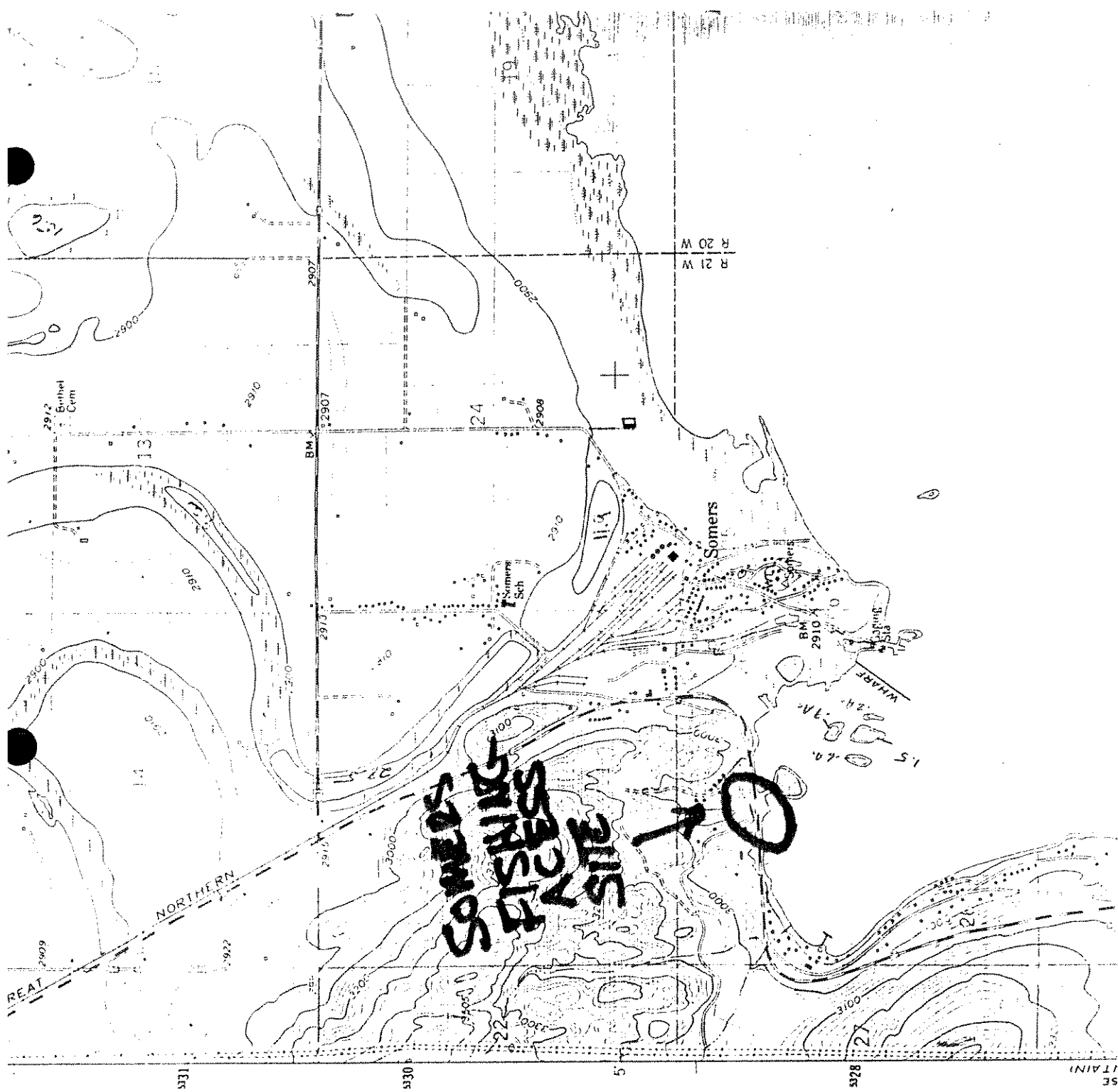
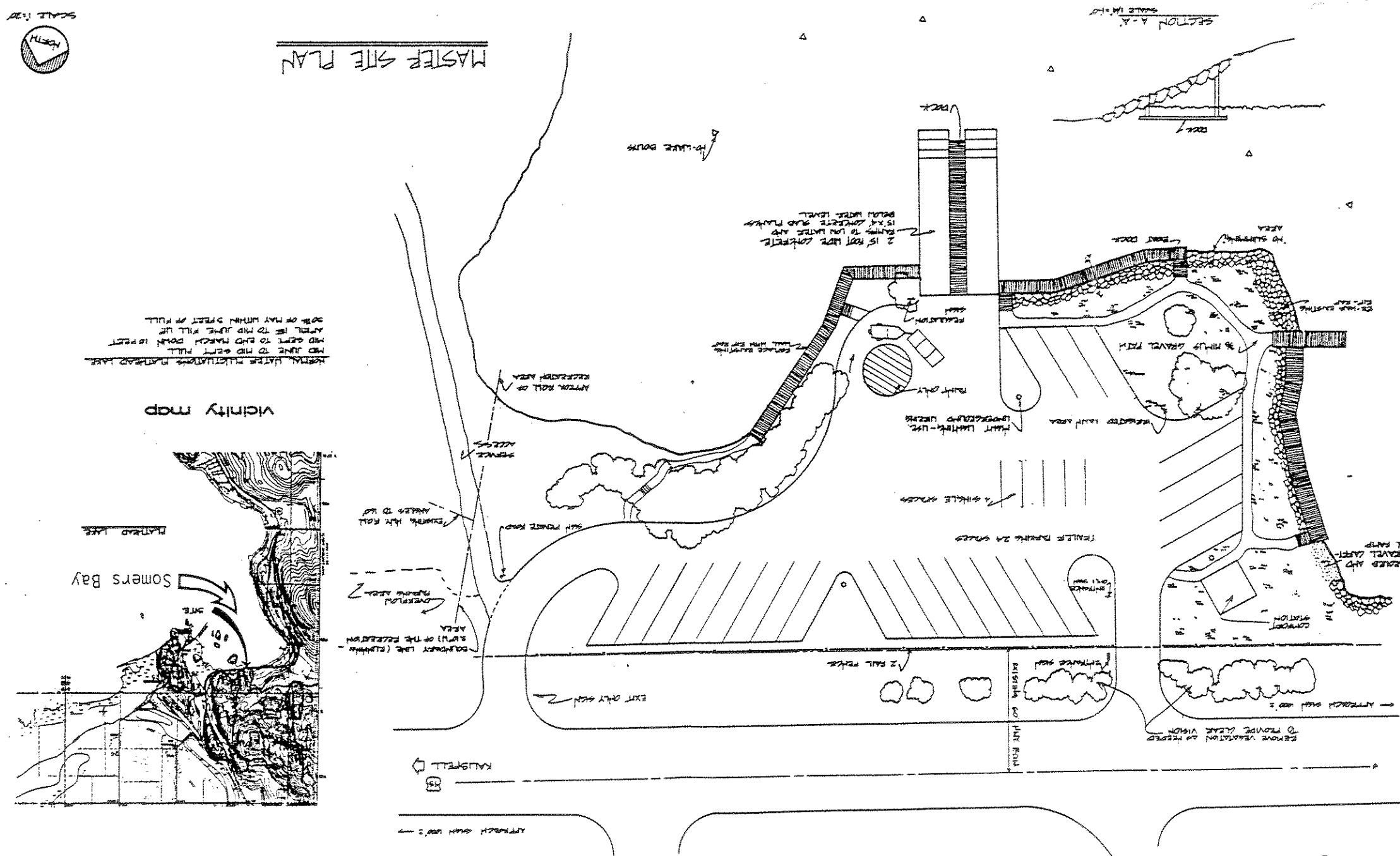


Figure 1 . Flathead River Basin above Flathead Lake





APPENDIX G