



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

ADDENDUM TO

FWP DEWATERING CONCERN AREAS

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The Dewatered Stream List originally compiled in 1991 and most recently updated in May 2005 lists Montana streams that support important fisheries or contribute to important fisheries (i.e., provide spawning and rearing habitats) that are significantly dewatered. Dewatering refers to a reduction in streamflow below the point where stream habitat is adequate for fish.

The May 2005 revision of the Dewatered Stream List and previous versions are not comprehensive evaluations of all streams in Montana. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks staff have not assessed every stream for dewatering. Many streams that have not been evaluated nonetheless may be important fisheries or contribute to important fisheries. Additionally FWP staff may have important and relevant flow-related information regarding streams even if they are not included on the Dewatered Stream List.

The absence of a stream or stream reach from the Dewatered Stream List is not to be construed to mean that further depletions or modifications of flow would not have any impact on the aquatic resource or existing water rights, no matter how minor the depletion or modification. When a stream or stream reach is not included on the Dewatered Stream List the local FWP Area Fisheries Biologist should be contacted to determine if flow-related information regarding the stream is available.