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**Montana Department
of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

Project Title: Montana Rivers Information System (MRIS)
Project Number: BPA 38573, MDFWP 3874-7 and 3874-9
Project Manager: Janet Decker-Hess
Project Biologist: Gael Bissell
Recreation Technician: Denise Davies
Report for the Month: October 1990

1. Summary of significant results.

Reviewed second draft of interagency fisheries data base structures in preparation for October 10 meeting with Jim Senkler (NRIS programmer), Jim Stimson, and Bob McFarland. Concentrated on look up table for all check off fields and organized them by development activity. Included in review all comments and data base additions from Fisheries Division Data Committee. Summarized discussion from meeting in memo and sent out for further committee review and to Senkler to incorporate changes in data base structures. Contacted USFS regional and forest fisheries biologists to determine appropriate contacts to review data structures, discuss updating of Memorandum of Understanding between FWP and USFS, and schedule presentation at regional USFS fisheries meeting in November.

Attended fisheries managers meeting in Helena to present and receive their input on the Fisheries Division information and data needs assessment process. Received twenty-five specific information needs from managers and administrators. Entered into data base, collected further information to complete each entry and created a report to review data using DBREPORT (software designed by Jim Senkler).

Compiled a formatted list of river reaches which contain fish or recreation data to be added to the EPA tabular file. Sent list to Duane Anderson, NWPPC.

NRIS: Will report October activities in November.

Wildlife: Drafted evaluation form of MRIS user requests and forwarded to NRIS for their review. Updated and modified draft MRIS wildlife definitions, added new fields for quality control and sources. Discussed wildlife update with Lonner and Hoskins.

Assisted in Wildlife Division Information and Data Management Needs Assessment process; attended game managers meeting in Lewistown; began compilation of needs and support information.

Recreation: Reviewed rivers inventory assessments from Connecticut, South Carolina, and Kentucky. Restructured original recreation data structure and reviewed new structure with Janet. Called USFS programmer to obtain new recreation data/structure. Revised data structure to incorporate USFS data.

Began developing advisory committee for recreation update project including Doug Haberman, Jerry Walker, and Jim Domino from DFWP; Tom Donahue from USFS. Set up meeting with Stephen McCool. Created memo for recreation managers and committee members which includes a list of tasks and responsibilities for recreation update. Wrote letter to new BLM Recreation Planner to introduce MRIS and inquire about involving a committee member from BLM. Maintaining ongoing list of recreation managers response to technical committee questionnaire. Made contact with several on the phone.

Called other three states involved in Pacific NW Rivers Study to determine status of recreation project in those states. Called NPS to inquire about potential involvement with MRIS and the Rivers and Trails Assistance Program. Called all DFWP information officers seeking a list of river-user groups and river-interest organizations. Wrote letter to these groups requesting list of members to use in recreation update.

2. Brief discussion major problems encountered, changes in work plan, or schedule deviations.

None.

3. Short description of planned activities for the following month.

Gather input from DFWP fisheries data committee and USFS biologists and finalize interagency fisheries data base structure. Receive final enhanced copy of EPA RRN System, finish cross-reference of new reaches and cross fisheries data to EPA number. Begin checking for data inconsistency and overlap in water coded reaches and EPA reaches. Complete Fisheries Division needs assessment inventory and survey and review and discuss with managers and administrators. Prepare for and attend USFS for Region One fisheries meeting in Missoula on November 28.

Wildlife: Contact wildlife committee members from various agencies. Complete and send out for committee review information on MRIS wildlife update goals and objectives, proposed data structures, possible methods to update the new system, potential data sources, example of new wildlife product, and topics to discuss at first meeting.

Meet with Montana Riparian Association staff to discuss content, definitions, data sources for MRIS habitat data base.

Recreation: Send data structure to committee members for review. Meet with NRIS programmer to finalize data structure and input data into new structure. Contact recreation managers who haven't responded to questionnaire. Create inventory/report for managers to review which will include a list of river reaches in their region and the corresponding recreation data.

4. Itemized listing of each non-expendable item greater than \$1,000 and each designated sensitive item.

None.

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