

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

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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: June 1991

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1. Summary of significant results.

Project Management and Fisheries: Completed fisheries update in Region One except for supplemental data on Flathead System. Completed Region Two except for upper Clark Fork and Rock Creek. Began Region Three and completed Big Hole and Beaverhead drainages. Updated cross-reference file for Region One. Talked with Regions Two and Three biologists to locate data and ordered a variety of documents from the fisheries division office in Helena.

Attended annual coordination meeting of Northwest River Information Systems in Portland. Each state gave an update of their activities over the last year. Also discussed CIS (Coordinated Information System), hardware, software needs, the Protected Areas Program, and other topics of interest.

Continued discussions with NRIS, fisheries division, and Region One personnel concerning use of and need for a GIS.

Wildlife: Gael will be back on the project July 1. Has coordinated GIS needs for wildlife and Region One.

Recreation: Finished organizing new recreation data from published documents by hydrologic unit. Compiled recreation data for southwestern Montana by EPA number.

Received from fisheries managers and compiled on maps boating hazards for the state. Sent Al Wipperman, in Helena, list of hazards and maps for the state except for Region Four and parts of Regions Two and Three. Tagged boat hazards to EPA RRN.

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

None.

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

Project Management and Fisheries: Continue update. Complete Regions Two and Three and get to biologists. Continue working with NRIS, fisheries division and BPA on GIS and where fisheries division is going. Prepare and provide BPA with proposed budget for FY 1992.

Wildlife: Work with project manager on GIS and redesigning wildlife work schedule.

Recreation: Continue update. Move to Region One after Region Three.

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

Purchased new computer for a total of \$2,264.61. Obtained funding from reallocated FY91 dollars.

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