

FUTURE FISHERIES PROJECT RANKING WINTER 2021 FUNDING CYCLE

Project ranking committee:
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Montana ARM Rule 12.7.1203

(1) Eligible projects that have been approved by the review panel will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a committee that includes at least two department personnel with a background in fishery biology and an understanding of the habitat requirements of fish and one member of the review panel.

The Committee's ranking of the Future Fisheries Projects approved for funding by the Citizen Review Panel during the Winter 2021 funding cycle are as follows:

Winter 2021 Future Fisheries Applications - Ranking scores					
FINAL SCORES					
Project #	Project Name	Program cost (\$)	REVIEW Adjusted score (of 100)	Total Points (of 300)	REVIEW Rank
006-2021	Poorman Creek culvert replacement	\$31,000.00	90	271	1
007-2021	South Fork Lower Willow Creek fish passage	\$20,900.00	82	245	2
001-2021	Big Hole 40 Bar streambank restoration	\$15,000.00	81	242	3
003-2021	Elk Spring Creek restoration phase 2	\$29,550.00	78	235	4
005-2021	Little Gold Creek culvert replacement supplement	\$10,000.00	78	233	5
002-2021	East Fork Bitterroot River riparian revegetation	\$9,000.00	75	224	6
004-2021	Lake Elmo fish habitat supplement	\$6,298.84	65	196	7

Rankings are based on: 1) benefits to native fish; 2) public benefits; 3) importance of the water body; 4) long-term effectiveness; 5) benefits relative to cost; and 6) cost share.

The ranking committee and Citizen Review Panel recommends that prioritized projects receive final funding approval according to the Program cost (above). Due to limited funding and project ranking procedures, the Lake Elmo fish habitat supplement project is recommended to receive partial funding.