

APPLICATION FORM 2008

Project Name: Craig FAS Improvement Project

Reservoir or River Segment: Between Holter Reservoir and Ulm County(ies): Cascade

Site Name and/or Legal Location: Craig Fishing Access Site

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Project Sponsors:

If the applicant is not a representative of the U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; or Madison, Gallatin, Broadwater, Chouteau, Lewis and Clark, or Cascade Counties, the applicant will need a project sponsor. Sponsors can include any of the above or PPL Montana or the Bureau of Reclamation. Project sponsors serve on Missouri-Madison Regional Working Groups. See page 1-9 of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan for a list of 2007 members of the Regional Working Groups (www.apleco.com/mmcrp.asp).

Project Sponsor Name NA

Position (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail Address _____

| | <u>Financial Support</u> |
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| Total Project Cost: | \$ <u>\$119,000</u> |
| Applicant Contributions: | \$ <u>\$50,000</u> |
| Other Contributions (Please list by source): | |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
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| _____ | \$ _____ |
| PPL Montana Match Request: | \$ <u>\$12,500</u> |
| River Fund Request: | \$ <u>\$56,500</u> |
| Proposed Project Period: | <u>2009</u> |

Please note: Document all in-kind support and contributed services from project partners under Scoring Criterion #1 on page 3.

Has this project been previously submitted for funding consideration by the River Fund Board, either as a separate project or part of another project? Yes No. If "Yes," please identify which years the application was submitted and, if the project was previously funded, list the amount funded by year.

MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND RECREATION PROJECT

Project Description:

The Craig FAS is a relatively small site encompassing 3 acres. It is located on the Missouri River immediately adjacent to the town site of Craig, MT. In spite of its size the Craig FAS receives a tremendous amount of fishing pressure. It is one of the most popular put-in, take-out sites on the Missouri River. The most recent Statewide Angling Pressure from 2005 indicates that the reach of river between Holter Dam and Cascade Bridge received 93,229 angler days of fishing. It is ranked the second highest fished reach of river in the state. Only the Madison River between Hebgen Dam and Ennis receives more fishing pressure than this river reach.

The Craig FAS has a doublewide boat ramp, large gravel parking area, 3 vault latrines, and a small overnight campsite area to accommodate xx number of camping units. Congestion and over crowding is a common problem throughout the summer. Frequent maintenance is needed to maintain the latrines and grounds. The project proposal is to improve the existing campsites and construct a camp host pad and control dust by paving the parking lot. Lighting will help people who get out of the water after dark providing a measure of safety. Other improvements were recently made by FWP to the boat ramp area and parking lot. A camp host would provide a personal contact for visitors as well as additional day-to-day maintenance opportunities.

LOCATION MAP



CRAIG FISHING ACCESS SITE



Scoring Criteria

1. Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations.

Identify project partners, if any, and describe their participation. Document all funding sources and all in-kind support and services to a project because all are sources of partnerships. If there are no project partners, explain why.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be the sole participant in this proposed project. This is not a partnership project because the fishing access site is solely owned and managed by FWP for the benefit of the recreating public. The daughter of Montana Governor Forrest Anderson provided improvements in the form of a picnic table and a memorial plaque in 2007. FWP will work together with its Design and Construction Bureau to design and manage the project.

2. Project responds to a clearly identified need.

Describe and document the need for this project and how the project would address that need.

As stated in the project description the Craig FAS is located in the middle of the second highest fished section of river in the state. Three vault latrines were installed in this one site to handle the amount of use it receives. The campground is typically full throughout the summer months and use is heavy during the spring and fall shoulder season. Vehicles will often park in undesignated areas blocking access for other users. Paving the parking area will help prevent the current dust problem that occurs regularly during the summer months.

The 7-day camping limit is often ignored because there is no one there to enforce it and fee compliance is estimated to be in the 50-75% range. A campground host will ensure fee compliance, provide assistance to campers, assist in caretaker responsibilities, and in general provide an FWP presence that encourages visitors to follow the posted regulations.

3. Project provides a benefit to public recreation in the Project Area and addresses specific issues and goals of the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP). Identify how the project provides a benefit to public recreation. Describe how specific issues and goals of the CRP would be supported.

Providing improvements to the camping area at the Craig FAS would meet several of the CRP goals including:

- To provide safe and well-managed recreation sites and dispersed use areas that provide enjoyable use experiences across a spectrum of opportunities and seasons
- Continue to improve and expand recreation opportunities that offer universal accessibility
- To maintain or proactively increase public safety for recreationists in the Project Area
- To promote responsible user behavior that protects natural, cultural, and social resources in the Project Area

4. Project is for operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site. Describe how the project would support O&M needs at an existing recreation site that are over and above day-to-day site maintenance. These additional needs include measures to open a site for public use as well as minor repair; facility upgrade, reconstruction, and replacement; and major site rehabilitation.

Day to day maintenance is accomplished through caretakers and the Regional Parks maintenance staff. These activities are funded through the Regional operations budget.

The proposed project would not be able to be accomplished through existing operations budgets. Major maintenance projects such as this one are funded through the agencies statewide FAS Site Protection program. Funding for major maintenance projects are approved by the Legislature on a biennial basis and are prioritized statewide. Capital program funding is limited and typically receives requests for project improvements from the Regional Offices in excess of four times the available budget. Projects receiving cost-share funding will automatically receive state matching funds.

5. Project supports or protects other resources and is consistent with or supports resource plans in the Project Area. In addition to project-related benefits under #3 above, describe how this project will protect resource values (such as public access, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, habitats, and cultural resources) and support other resource plans, including Project 2188 License plans and land use and land management plans in place in the Corridor.

This project will provide much needed major maintenance at the Craig FAS that will in turn enhance the visitor’s recreation experience. As a land management/natural resource protection agency, FWP’s challenge is to provide quality recreational access and facilities while protecting the natural resources to which the visitors are attracted to in the first place. In addition, all construction is done in compliance with state permitting requirements and SHPO regulations. FWP utilizes standard Best Management Practices during construction to reduce sediment delivery to the states waters.

| CRAIG FAS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT | | | |
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| Item | Estimated Quantity | Unit Price | Item Total |
| Equipment Mobilization | Lump Sum | \$4,000 | \$4,000 |
| Establishment of BMP’s | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Site Protection | | | |
| Parking Lot | | | |
| Parking Lot Paving | 3,000syds @ | \$20 | \$60,000 |
| Concrete Curbing | 650 ft | \$25 | \$16,500 |
| Caretakers Area | | | |
| Grading | | | \$500 |
| Gravel | 35 yds | \$40 yd | \$1,500 |
| Asphalt | 320 sq yds | \$20 yd | \$6,500 |
| Power | Est. | | \$2,000 |
| Parking Lot Lighting | Est | | \$6,000 |
| Campground Rehab | | | |
| Gravel | | | \$15,000 |
| Gravel Trail | 10’x6’ | | \$500 |
| Barrier Rocks | 20 | | \$2,000 |
| Rail Fence | 233 ft | \$15 per ft | \$3,500 |
| Total | | | |
| | | | \$119,000 |