

**MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND
RECREATION PROJECT
APPLICATION FORM 2009**

Project Name: Second printing - Hebgen Lake Map

Reservoir or River Segment: Hebgen Reservoir County(ies): Gallatin

Site Name and/or Legal Location: T11 & 12S, R3E

Applicant Name Hebgen Lake Map Committee – Nancy Johnson, Chairman

Position (if applicable) Recreation Planner, American Lands

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Project Sponsors:

A submitted application will need a Project Sponsor. Project sponsors serve on Missouri-Madison Regional Working Groups, and include representatives of the U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; local government; Madison, Gallatin, Broadwater, Chouteau, Lewis and Clark, or Cascade Counties; PPL Montana and the Bureau of Reclamation. See page 1-9 of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan for a list of 2009 members of the Regional Working Groups (www.apleco.com/mmcrp.asp).

Project Sponsor Name Nancy Johnson

Position (if applicable) (see above)

Address _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail Address _____

	<u>Financial Support</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ <u>7,700</u>
Applicant Contributions:	\$ _____
Other Contributions (Please list by source):	
<u>USFS funds</u>	\$ <u>1,000</u>
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

PPL Montana Match Request: \$ 1,000

River Fund Request: \$ 5,700

Proposed Project Period: 2010

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. The development and first printing of the Hebgen Lake Map was funded in 2007 for \$19,545 by River Fund and PPL Montana.

Project Description:

The Hebgen Lake Recreation Facilities & Depth Contour Map was developed in 2007 and 2008, and printed and made available to the public at no charge in 2009. The map was developed through a collaborative effort of the Hebgen Lake Map Committee, composed of the USFS, MFWP, PPL Montana, the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, West Yellowstone Foundation, and the three Hebgen Lake marinas: Madison Arm Resort and Marina, Yellowstone Holiday Marina, and Kirkwood Resort and Marina. A 2006 River Fund grant award was used together with PPLM, MFWP and marina owner support to develop and print the map.

Printing of 5000 maps was planned based on estimates gathered at the time the original application was prepared. However, cost increases for printing and paper between 2007 and 2009 resulted in 3200 fewer maps printed than planned. Available funds covered printing of 1800 maps on water- and tear-resistant paper.

The proposed project would use current and print-ready map files to print 5000 additional copies of the map for future public distribution. Total estimated costs of \$7,700 include \$7,200 for printing, \$300 for shipping, and a \$200 fee for project administration services and payment of invoices by the West Yellowstone Foundation.

Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations.

The Hebgen Lake Map Committee would oversee and coordinate the second printing of the map. Committee members (named above) volunteer their services and time. The USFS would contribute funds for the printing. The West Yellowstone Foundation would serve as the fiscal agent for the committee, holding grant funds if awarded, and expending funds as directed by the committee.

Project responds to a clearly identified need.

The first printing of the map provided insufficient copies for public distribution over several years. Marina owners indicate that between half and 3/4 of their available copies have been distributed. With no funds for a second printing, no additional maps will be available for distribution once the current supply is depleted sometime in 2010.

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).

A second printing of 5,000 copies of the Hebgen Lake Map would allow its continued distribution to and use by the public. The map provides many benefits to recreation users on Hebgen Lake: 1) *maintaining and proactively increasing public safety for recreationists* by increasing recreationists' knowledge of the dangers of coldwater hypothermia and drowning and providing contour data for the lake bottom that reduces the potential for boater accidents; 2) *promoting responsible user behavior* by providing information on boating regulations, reservoir fisheries and wildlife resources, and contact information for state and federal agencies and local businesses; and lastly 3) *providing safe and well-managed use areas across a spectrum of opportunities* by showing information on reservoir access points and available amenities that support water-based recreation on the lake.

Project is for operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site.

The proposed project does not directly support operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site.

Project supports or protects other resources and is consistent with or supports resource plans in the Project Area.

Continued use of the Hebgen Lake map provides valuable recreation information for users, management of public shoreline by the USFS, enforcement of boating regulations by MFWP, monitoring of fisheries and aquatic resources by MFWP, and monitoring of water quality and algal blooms by PPLM.

Hebgen Lake, Montana

