

**MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND
RECREATION PROJECT**

APPLICATION FORM 2009

Project Name: **Pelican Point Road Rebuild**

Reservoir or River Segment: **Upper Missouri River (below Holter Dam to Ulm)** County(ies): **Cascade**

Site Name and/or Legal Location: **Pelican Point Fishing Access Site (see attached maps)**

Applicant Name: **Roger Semler on behalf of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

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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: **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

Position (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail Address _____

	<u>Financial Support</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$45,000
Applicant Contributions:	\$5,000
Other Contributions (Please list by source):	
PPL Montana Match Request:	\$1,250
River Fund Request:	\$38,750

Proposed Project Period: **January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010**

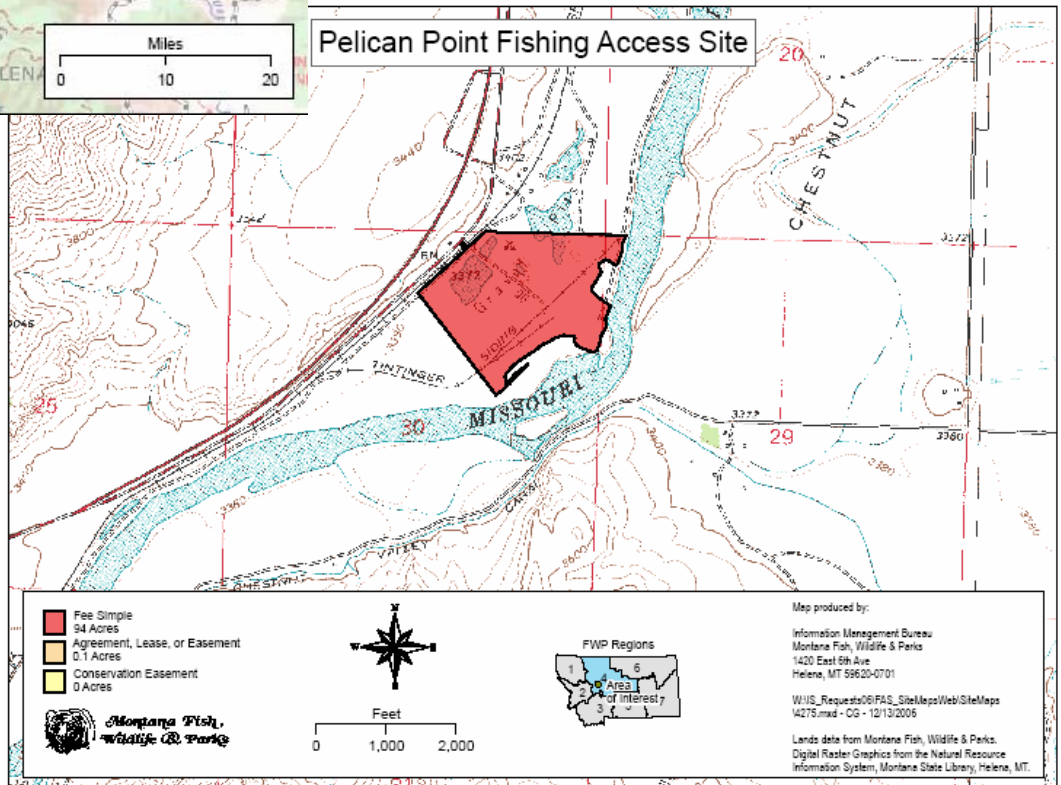
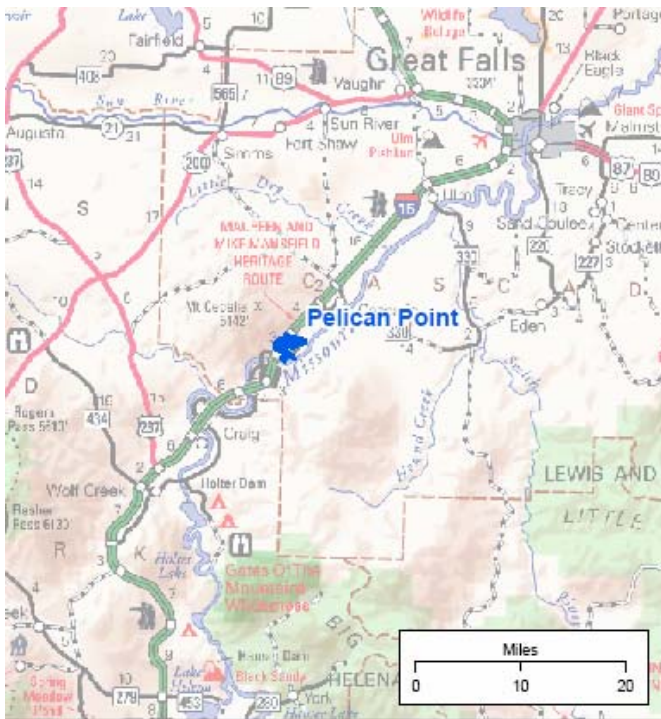
Please note: Document all in-kind support and contributed services from project partners under Scoring Criterion #1 on page 3.

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.

Project Description:

1. Provide a brief ½ page description of the proposed project and attach a map to show the location of the proposed project. Photos or designs are also encouraged if available.

This project would rebuild the access road into Pelican Point Fishing Access Site located on the Upper Missouri River between Hardy Creek and the town of Cascade. The length of road to be rebuilt is 2,594 feet at a width of 24 feet. The rebuilding will include placing approximately 6 inches of appropriate sub-base material covered with approximately 4 inches of top crush gravel surfacing. The top surface would be properly bladed and crowned. The project would also install drainage ditches along both flanks of the road along with two culverts.



Scoring Criteria

1. Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations.

PPL Montana would be a partner in this project by providing a matching grant. FWP will provide staff specialists for project planning, specification, and design and on-site planning and monitoring of the project.

2. Project responds to a clearly identified need.

The Pelican Point FAS access road has been in very poor condition for many years resulting in numerous complaints from the public. The primary problem is based on the fact that the road sub-base was never properly to allow for drainage, lack appropriate ditching, and the road surface is improperly crowned. This road becomes severely wash-boarded during the peak use season. The lack of a proper road base makes road grading very ineffective.

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).

Pelican Point FAS is a very popular Fishing Access Site that predominantly serves peoples taking out of the river from upstream access sites. Put in use at this site has increased due to the recent development by PPLM of the North Park FAS in Cascade. This site also provides for overnight camping. 2007 river angling statistics compiled by FWP indicated an estimated 78,468 angler days on the affected reach of the Missouri River between Holter Dam and Cascade Bridge, ranking this reach of river 3rd highest in angling days for Montana rivers in 2007.

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

This project involves the rebuilding of existing road infrastructure. Rebuilding this road will eliminate a challenging road maintenance situation in which there is an inadequate sub-base for proper road grading, reducing overall maintenance costs. Pelican Point FAS is a well-established Fishing Access Site managed and maintained by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. General operations and management of the site is funded through the FWP Fishing Access Site program. The Region 4 Parks Division based in Great Falls administers the site.

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

This project will have a positive effect on the natural resources by delineating the road alignment and camping areas and restricting off road vehicle use and impacts.

The project is also consistent with the following goals in the 2003-2007 Montana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Management Plan (SCORP):

Goal: Enhance access for water based recreation activities (fishing, boating)

This project would directly address and enhance the following goals in the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Management Plan:

Goal: To provide safe and well-managed recreation sites that provide enjoyable user experiences across a spectrum of opportunities and seasons.

Goal: To promote responsible user behavior that protects natural, cultural, and social resources in the Project area.