

**MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND
RECREATION PROJECT
APPLICATION FORM 2010**

Project Name: **Black Eagle Park Restroom Replacement Project**

Reservoir or River Segment: **Black Eagle 100 Railroad W** County: **Cascade**

Site Name and/or Legal Location: **Art Higgins Memorial Black Eagle Park**

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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 Chapter 1 of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan for a list of 2010 members of the Regional Working Groups (www.apleco.com/mmcrp.asp).

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	<u>Financial Support</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ <u>91,972.00</u>
Applicant Contributions:	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
Partial Project Cost:	\$ <u>51,647.20</u>
Applicant Contributions	\$ <u>3,000.00</u>
PPL Montana Match for total Request:	\$ <u>0.00</u>
River Fund Total Request:	\$ <u>87,806.26</u>
PPL Montana Match for partial Request:	\$ <u>0.00</u>
River Fund Partial Request:	\$ <u>48,647.20</u>

Proposed Project Period: Spring 2011

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 x 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

The main component of the project includes replacing the two existing restrooms, which includes adding handicap accessibilities. The secondary component involves replacing a deteriorating storage shed that no longer has the capacity to accommodate the accumulated supplies required for various park activities.

The main upper restroom is presently only unlocked for preplanned park functions. Due to the high volume of vandalism taking place in and surrounding the restroom, the park board locks the restroom when the park is not reserved for a function. The cost of repairs and maintenance does not justify permitting the usage of the restroom when it is unsupervised by a responsible party. The restroom located in the lower part of the park is currently locked at all times due to faulty and unsafe wiring. The park's existing storage shed does no longer hold all supplies accumulated throughout the years for park functions and is eroding due to the age of the building..

Since the park is presently servicing the public with only one restroom the restoration of one restroom would suffice the needs of the park until money is raised to have both restrooms operable if funds are not available for the entire size of project.

1. Project Support of Operation and Maintenance

This project will support the operation and maintenance by accommodating the public with handicap accessible restrooms at all times of the day. If a more vandal proof structure were provided the doors could remain unlocked during all operation hours. This would provide a more structured schedule for volunteers who are presently required to unlock and lock the restrooms during reserved functions only.

A larger storage building will facilitate all the equipment and supplies needed for certain functions held by many businesses and the community. This will instill a central location for supplies and those in need of certain supplies will no longer have to go to different locations to obtain what is required for a function. Additionally having more secured buildings will lesson the threat of theft or vandalism.

2. Project Collaboration with other agencies or organization

Throughout the years various businesses have supported the park with donations or in kind services to ensure that this park can continue to suffice the needs of the community and local businesses . For this project the community of Black Eagle has lined up volunteers to tear down the old restrooms and dispose of the debris reducing the amount of the estimated bid by \$4,200.00. In addition the cost of building permits were not included in this bid so it is projected that the park sets a side another \$800.00 to cover these expenses. If the fee is higher for the permits the Black Eagle Park Board will absorb this cost.

3. Benefits to Public Recreation

The public will benefit from the restoration of the park restrooms as stated above by having the ability to utilize the restrooms at all times. Additionally now the park will have the means for accommodating handicap accessibilities. Each year the park is booked throughout the spring, summer and fall for various functions. The money derived from these functions provides compensation for the upkeep and maintenance of the park. Due to the more frequent amount of complaints concerning the restrooms it is projected the use of the park can possibly lesson due to the expectations that are not being met for those reserving the park.

4. Project Need

This project is a priority and is very much needed. The biggest complaint we presently have about the use of the park is the restroom facilities. Volunteers affiliated with the Black Eagle Park Board provide all daily maintenance and minimum repairs for the restroom. Outside contractors are required for any major damage done to the facilities that cannot be repaired by volunteers. Funds available for maintenance repairs of this sort are derived solely from fundraisers or donations acquired. Without the restoration of the restrooms the reservations of the park could lesson decreasing the amount of donated funds used for upkeep and maintenance.

5. Project Support and Protection of Other Resources

The proposed project is located in the lower section of Black Eagle and can better support the varied functions for the community and local businesses with our replacement project.



Upper restroom



Existing Storage Shed.

Attached is a PDF file showing the location of the Black Eagle Park on a map. It is the blue section above the river between 16th Street and 22nd Street.

