

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

Project Name: Black Sandy State Park Office building

Reservoir or River Segment: Hauser Reservoir County: Lewis and Clark

Site Name and/or Legal Location: Black Sandy State Park T12N, R3W, Section 34

Applicant Name **Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks- Craig Marr**

Position (if applicable) **State Park Manager**

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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).

Project Sponsor Name **Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks-Craig Marr**

Position (if applicable) _____

Address _____ Above _____

Telephone # _____

E-mail Address _____

	<u>Financial Support</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ 90,000
Applicant Contributions:	\$ 2,000 (in kind; contract oversight, supervision & implementation.)
Other Contributions (Please list by source):	
_____	\$ _____
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PPL Montana Match Request: \$ 2,000

River Fund Request: \$ 86,000

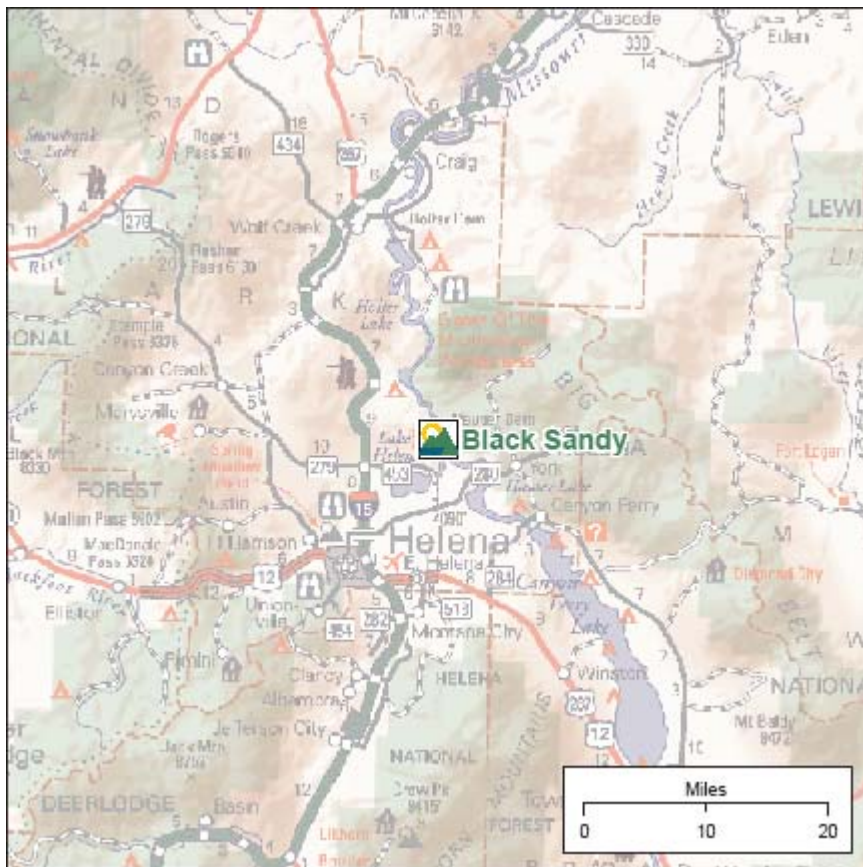
Proposed Project Period: 2011-2012

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

Black Sandy State Park is a highly used Campground and Day Use Area for water based recreation on Hauser Reservoir. The site hosts over 70,000 visitors a year and camping, launching boats, picnicking, swimming and shore fishing are the primary activities. The proposed project includes purchasing and placing a 35x15ft office building on-site at Black Sandy State Park. The office is needed to provide customer service related to the new campground reservation system and other activities. The office will provide a focal point for visitors to ask questions and gain information related to the park and campground reservation system. The office would have electricity and plumbing to provide visitor services and would be staffed with volunteers or a seasonal employee. Currently there are no office facilities at the park which makes it difficult for visitors to gain information and it would be very difficult to manage the reservation system without an office area. The most requested service that Montana State Parks has heard for a number of years is a reservation system and FWP will be implementing the reservations system in the spring of 2011.



Basic Criteria:

This project will occur on Hauser Reservoir and is consistent with the FERC project 2188 License. The proposed project is also consistent with the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan and is consistent with BLM management plans in the area. The proposed project will comply with land use plans and growth management policies developed by Lewis and Clark County and planning documents such as MEPA/NEPA compliance will be completed prior to expenditure of awarded funds.

Scoring Criteria

1. The proposed project is to improve and upgrade the operations at Black Sandy State Park which has been an established campground and day use area for many years. Black Sandy is a non project 2188 recreation site however this will be a one-time project that greatly enhances visitor experience and customer satisfaction within the corridor.
2. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks will be completing this specific project without official partners, however the Montana State Park system is partnering with Idaho State Parks to operate the overall reservation system.
3. This project addresses many of the goals specified in the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Providing safe, well managed recreation sites that provide enjoyable user experience across a spectrum of opportunities and seasons. Continuing to improve and expand recreational opportunities that offer universal accessibility and promoting responsible behavior that protects natural resources. This project also addresses several goals identified in the 2020 Vision for Montana State Parks related to enhanced visitor satisfaction and improving customer service.
4. It has been determined that the number one need in the Montana State Park system is a reservation system and by completing this project and placing an office building at the park we could greatly improve customer satisfaction and service. The building would allow park users to make reservations and obtain other information while they were visiting the park.
5. This project will have a positive effect on resources within the corridor by providing a location to educate the public on how to reduce impacts to resources. Information on the principles of Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics could be provided and visitors could be personally educated by park staff or volunteers on other low impact techniques. The project is consistent with other corridor resource plans regarding enhanced public safety, increase accessibility and protecting resources.