

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

Project Name: Damselfly Fishing Access Site (FAS) Development

Reservoir or River Segment: Below Madison Dam to Toston Reservoir County(ies): Madison

Site Name and/or Legal Location: Damselfly FAS, Pt. NE ¼ Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 1 East

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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](http://www.apleco.com/mmcrp.asp) of the Regional Working Groups (www.apleco.com/mmcrp.asp).

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	<u>Financial Support</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ <u>76,000</u>
Applicant Contributions:	\$ _____
Other Contributions (Please list by source):	
<u>FWP In-Kind Contributions: Project funding</u>	\$ <u>38,000</u>
<u>Project Design</u>	\$ _____
<u>Public Scoping/Develop EA/Decision Notice</u>	\$ _____
<u>Develop EA and Decision Notice</u>	\$ _____
<u>Construction Oversight</u>	\$ _____

PPL Montana Match Request: \$ 9,500

River Fund Request: \$ 28,500

Proposed Project Period: 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.

The acquisition of this parcel was funded with 2008 PPL Montana Match, 2008 River Fund and FWP FAS Acquisition Funds for the perpetual easement to acquire the parcel from DNRC. The development of this parcel is the purpose of this current River Fund Application.

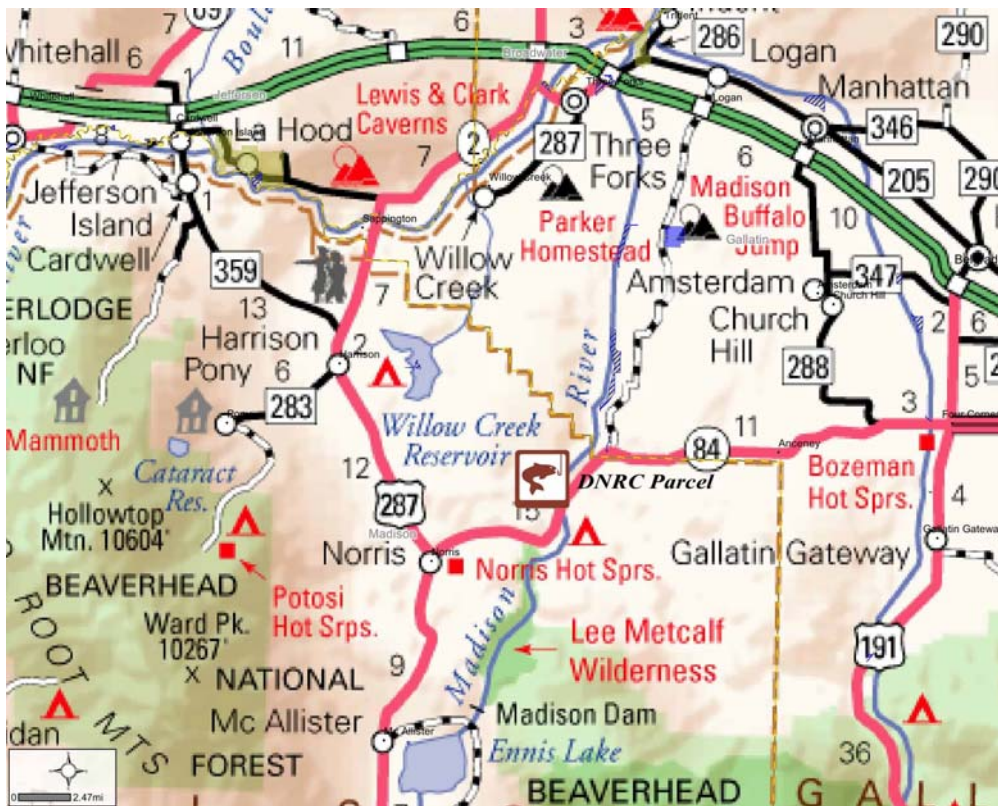
Project Description

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Damsely Fishing Access Site (FAS) Proposed Development

This 2010 River Trust Fund grant application seeks to develop the Damsely FAS on the Madison River near the mouth of Cherry Creek. FWP and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would enter a management agreement for joint administration, management and maintenance of the site. The site would be managed as a public recreation site to facilitate angling and other recreational activities. This application seeks to obtain funds for basic facility development, including signing, entrance road, parking area, latrine, and concrete boat ramp.

Cost Estimate:	Project design, public scoping, EA prep., decision notice, construction oversight	\$ 6,700
	Mobilization and Establishment of BMP's	\$ 7,200
	Site Protection and Fixtures	\$ 6,100
	Roads, Parking and Ramp Development	\$45,000
	Latrine Purchase and Installation	<u>\$11,000</u>
	Total	\$76,000

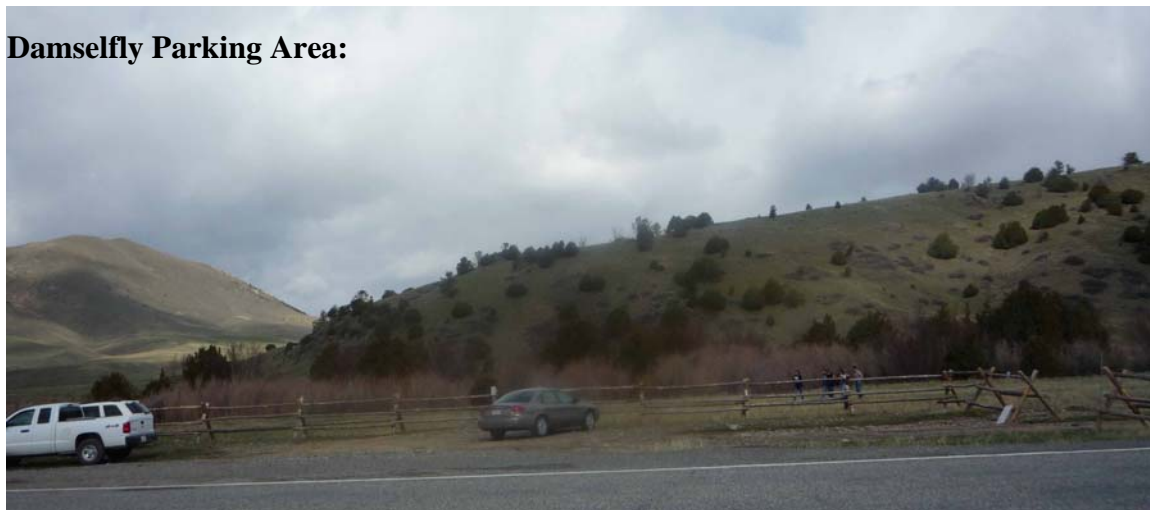
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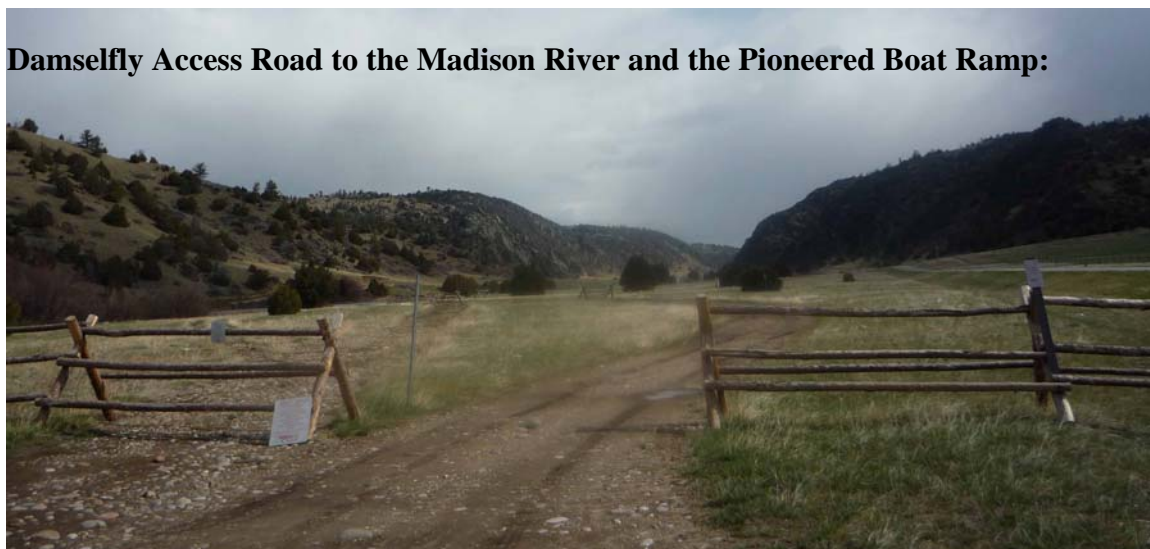
Site Map:



Damsselfly Parking Area:



Damsselfly Access Road to the Madison River and the Pioneered Boat Ramp:



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 & Parks will partner with the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) on this project proposal. DNRC continues to own the property and has granted a perpetual easement for management of the property to FWP. FWP will enter into a cooperative management agreement with the BLM to jointly manage this property as a public recreation site. FWP partnered with PPL Montana Match and River Fund Match to acquire the parcel. FWP and BLM will contribute towards continuing management, law enforcement and maintenance costs. FWP will provide public scoping; prepare the Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice for the proposed development, as well as the project design and construction oversight for the proposed development.

2. Project responds to a clearly identified need. Describe and document the need for this project and how the project would address that need.

This parcel of DNRC School Trust property has accommodated public use for years, without active management. Resource values have been degraded by indiscriminate vehicle use, widespread rock fire ring placement and a pioneered boat ramp that has damaged the riverbank. The surrounding Madison River corridor is under intensive management, mainly by the BLM. Campers seeking to avoid fees at BLM designated campgrounds frequently use this DNRC parcel and evidence of abuse is observable. The proposed development of the site would prevent further degradation and sanitation concerns at the site, in addition to the regularly scheduled maintenance, and law enforcement services at the currently primitively developed site.

This site is an important site for staggering floating groups (both commercial and non-commercial) within the Madison River Canyon. This site functions to spread out drift boats and rafts along the Madison River and diminish crowding. The BLM recently received funding to improve the boat ramp facility at the Canaday site, which is upriver from the Damsely FAS, but due to cultural resource issues, the planned improvements were scaled back. The management and development of the Damsely FAS becomes more critical because of these circumstances.

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.

This project would benefit public recreation by engaging the recreation management, maintenance and law enforcement expertise of both FWP and the BLM at this unmanaged parcel. Damaged natural resources will be reclaimed, vehicle use will be restricted to designated roads and parking areas, noxious weed control efforts will be increased, and site

regulations regarding fire building and camping will be instituted. Replacing the pioneered boat ramp with a concrete boat ramp will prevent further degradation to the area along the riverbank. A new latrine will prevent unsanitary conditions at this site since there is currently no latrine. Development of appropriate facilities to accommodate public use will further benefit the recreating public.

The development of the Damsfly FAS on the Madison River would address many of the 2005 CRMP goals, including:

- *To provide safe and well-managed recreation sites and dispersed use areas that provide enjoyable user experiences across a spectrum of opportunities and seasons*
 - *To identify and implement management strategies that reduce and/or mitigate conflicts among recreation uses and users and that reduce and/or mitigate conflicts among recreationists and landowner*
 - *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.

This proposal would seek to improve and develop the Damsfly FAS along the Madison River, which has had a long history of public use. The proposed improvements will allow better management of this property to meet public recreation needs along the Madison River corridor. O & M activities would include active property management, weed management, enforcement of site rules and regulations, facility development and site rehabilitation. If the funding request is denied, the development of the site would be delayed until other funding becomes available.

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.

Damsfly FAS has traditionally been used by the public for recreation purposes and to gain access to the Madison River. Rather than limit use through placement of barriers and vehicle restricting fencing, the proposed development protects the area addressing existing river bank and soil degradation and sanitation concerns. Other resource values will continue to be protected by FWP as required by statute.