

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

Project Name: York Bridge FAS Boat Dock

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

Site Name and/or Legal Location: York Bridge FAS T11N,R2W, Section 14

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:	\$ 33,000
Applicant Contributions:	\$ 1,000 (in kind; contract oversight, supervision & implementation.)
Other Contributions (Please list by source):	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
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_____	\$ _____

PPL Montana Match Request: \$ 1,000

River Fund Request: \$ 31,000

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

York Bridge Fishing Access Site (FAS) is a highly used access point for water based recreation on Hauser Reservoir. The site is free to the public and hosts over 50,000 visitors a year, launching boats, picnicking, swimming and shore fishing are the primary activities. This proposed project includes replacing a 40 foot floating dock with a 8x60 foot roll in dock. The floating dock has expended its useful life and is no longer practical to install. A new roll-in dock will reduce the time, money and energy it takes to install the floating dock and will provide additional dock length and width to increase accessibility, public safety and user satisfaction.



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. This proposed maintenance project is for a very important existing site (York Bridge FAS) that provides free day use recreation close to Helena. This is a non project 2188 recreation site, however this will be a one-time project that reduces maintenance costs within the corridor.
2. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks will be completing this project without official partners, however the project is fully supported by groups such as Walleyes Unlimited and Trout Unlimited.
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 resource protection, public access and visitor safety.
4. York Bridge FAS serves over 50,000 visitors per year and the boat launch and dock areas receive a great volume of use. Improving the dock at York Bridge FAS will improve public safety, decrease maintenance needs and provide additional access and accessibility. The old floating dock has degraded over time, become unsafe to use and needs to be replaced. If the floating dock is not replaced we will operate the site as a single boat launch instead of a double boat launch.
5. This project will have a positive effect on resources within the corridor by preventing visitors from trampling shoreline vegetation, directing their route on the hardened dock surface. The project is consistent with other corridor resource plans regarding enhanced public safety, increase accessibility and protecting resources.