

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

Project Name: York Bridge Improvement Project -Paving

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 _____

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Telephone # _____

E-mail Address _____

| | <u>Financial Support</u> |
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| Total Project Cost: | \$ 120,000_____ |
| Applicant Contributions: | \$ 7,000 (in kind; MEPA/NEPA consultation contract oversight, construction supervision & implementation.) |
| Other Contributions (Please list by source): | |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
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| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |

PPL Montana Match Request: \$ 7,000

River Fund Request: \$106,000

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 paving the roadways and parking areas within the boundaries of York Bridge Fishing Access Site. During the fall of 2002 several improvements were made to York Bridge FAS including re routing the traffic flow, discontinuing overnight camping, increasing boat trailer parking, adding new gravel and addressing drainage so it flows into retention areas instead of directly in the reservoir. Paving would be the final step to improving the access site and reducing long term maintenance costs associated with grading, adding gravel and dust control. This project would also benefit the public and adjacent landowners by reducing airborne dust particles.



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 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 long term maintenance costs within the corridor.
2. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks is partnering with Bureau of Land Management in terms of providing a consistent and seamless experience from Lake Side Store to the York Bridge FAS by paving the site like others in the area managed by the BLM (Devils Elbow, Clark's Bay, Two Camps).
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 road and parking areas receive a great volume of traffic. Currently to maintain the site requires the addition of gravel and hiring a road grader to repair areas that have been impacted by traffic, wash boarding and erosion. Paving the road and parking areas would increase accessibility, reduce long term maintenance costs and reduce the amount of airborne particulate matter deposited in the reservoir and other areas. Paving York Bridge FAS will make the site consistent with other private recreation sites in the area and sites managed by the BLM within the corridor.
5. This project will have a positive effect on resources within the corridor by reducing the amount of sediments and airborne particles deposited in the water of Hauser Reservoir. This project will also allow FWP to manage the drainage at York Bridge FAS to assure that it meets state storm water retention regulations by directing the drainage into retention/filtration areas instead of directly into the reservoir.