



Greetings,

Contained in this envelope will be your Blackfoot Special Recreation Permit (SRP), Blackfoot SRP Boat Tags, and Blackfoot SRP Instructions. Depending on the number of boat tags you requested you may receive an additional envelope containing boat tags.

A couple updates/reminders for the 2025 season,

- As of July 1, 2023, everyone ages 12 and older needs a Montana Conservation License to access most State lands. This includes all MT FWP Fishing Access Sites (FAS) located along the Blackfoot River and applies to you and your staff as well as any clients accompanying you onto State lands.
- The Bureau of Land Management requires a special recreation permit for anyone running a shuttle service. If they already have a Blackfoot River SRP, then they don't need a shuttle permit. The shuttle permit is for those whose main job is shuttling people, who aren't fishing or rafting guides. The BLM currently has no permitted shuttle services operating in the corridor.
 - This shuttle permit applies only to BLM owned access sites. Whitaker Bridge, Thibodeau Day Use, Sheep Flats Day Use etc. MT Fish, Wildlife, and Parks does not require a permit for shuttle services to operate in the Fishing Access Sites it owns at this time.
- Bureau of Land Management Project Description: The McNamara Chip Seal project is comprised of 6.2 miles of two-lane asphalt roadway which provides access to recreational opportunities along the Lower Blackfoot River. The project scope will be to chip seal the existing asphalt roadway 6.2 miles from Hwy 200 to Whitaker Bridge. Additional work will be conducted within the Day Use Sites and Thibodeau Campground along the road including adding surface course material, grading, and improving delineation. Day use sites and Thibodeau Campground may be closed for short time periods (3-4 days) throughout the project. Lastly, in an effort to improve traffic flow and visitor experience, a new layout for overflow parking will be constructed at the Whitaker Bridge river access site.
 - CONSTRUCTION DELAYS: Potential construction delays are expected throughout the duration of the project from Hwy 200 to Red Rocks Day Use Area. The projects start date is currently unknown; an official press release and notice will be issued prior to construction.

I know this can all be rather complicated, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at the phone number and email address listed below with any questions, concerns, or comments you may have regarding the above information, the SRP program, or the Blackfoot in general.

Cheers,

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