



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** October 17, 2019

**Agenda Item:** Indian Fort FAS Closure (R5)

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 Minutes

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**Background:**

Indian Fort FAS is located on the Yellowstone River at Reed Point. The site includes access to the river, a boat ramp, and campsites. A section of the access road lies between a steep hillside and the Yellowstone River. It has been problematic each spring as the river undercuts the road and rocks slide off the bank. FAS crews patch the problem each spring.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:**

FWP issued a press release notifying the public that the site will be closed between October 28 and November 25, and that all people, vehicles, and equipment must be removed from the site before construction begins.

**Alternatives and Analysis:**

Because this is not an emergency closure, commission action is needed to establish a legally enforceable closure. Without commission action, the site can be closed, but legal action cannot be taken against violators of the closure. This is not expected to be an issue in this situation, given that construction activities will largely preclude physical access to the FAS.

**Agency Recommendation:**

FWP asks the commission to institute a temporary closure to ensure public safety and avoid conflicts with construction activities as the road that the work will be done on is a single lane.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move that the commission approve the temporary closure of the Indian Fort Fishing Access Site as recommended by FWP.