

## Subchapter 67

## Madison River Recreation Management

12.11.6701 MADISON RIVER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (1) All persons recreating on the Madison River must provide the required information in the manner prescribed by the department. Each year, information gathered will be reported to the Madison River Work Group and commission. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)

12.11.6702 WALK/WADE SECTIONS OF MADISON RIVER (1) Fishing from a boat or vessel is prohibited from Ennis Fishing Access Site to Ennis Reservoir.

(2) Fishing from a boat or vessel is prohibited from the outlet of Quake Lake to Reynolds Pass Fishing Access Site.

(3) Fishing from a boat or vessel is prohibited from Reynolds Pass Fishing Access Site to Lyons Bridge Fishing Access Site except on Saturdays and Sunday from June 15 to September 30.

(4) ARM 12.11.6702 will be implemented as a trial program in January 1, 2022 unless adjusted by the work group as prescribed in ARM 12.11.6710.

(5) The commission will review ARM 12.11.6702 in 2023 as prescribed by ARM 12.11.6711. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)

Rules 12.11.6703 and 12.11.6704 reserved

12.11.6705 MADISON RIVER COMMERCIAL USE CAP (1) Fishing outfitters and guides may only operate on the Madison River as long as they have a Madison River Special Recreation Permit and trips allotted them as provided by these rules.

(2) The total number of fishing outfitting and guided trips per individual outfitter and guide is capped at the number of trips reported in 2019 or 2020, whichever is higher.

(3) ARM 12.11.6705 will be implemented January 1, 2022.

(4) The commission will review ARM 12.11.6705 in 2023 as prescribed by ARM 12.11.6711. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)

12.11.6706 REST/ROTATION OF MADISON RIVER COMMERCIAL USE

(1) Fishing outfitters and guides are prohibited from conducting business from June 15 to September 30 as follows:

(a) from Lyons Bridge Fishing Access Site to Palisades Day Use Area on Sundays; and

(b) from Reynolds Pass Fishing Access Site to Lyons Bridge Fishing Access Site on Saturdays.

(2) ARM 12.11.6706 will be implemented as a trial program January 1, 2022, unless adjusted by the work group as prescribed in ARM 12.11.6710.

(3) The commission will review ARM 12.11.6706 in 2023 as prescribed by ARM 12.11.6711. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)

Rules 12.11.6707 through 12.11.6709 reserved

12.11.6710 MADISON RIVER WORK GROUP (1) The commission shall develop the membership of and appoint a Madison River Work Group. The work group will consist of:

(a) three commercial outfitters with a current Madison River Special Recreational Use Permit;

(b) three non-commercial Madison River users;

(c) two individuals with a Madison Valley business interest not connected to commercial outfitting;

(d) one member trained in natural resources management and not currently working for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks;

(e) one representative from the Fish and Wildlife Commission;

(f) one representative from the Bureau of Land Management; and

(g) one at-large member whose selected qualities are largely outside the above descriptions for other work group members.

(2) The members of the working group shall be appointed for three years.

(3) The work group will be staffed by department employees.

(4) The work group may develop recommendations to the commission for approval regarding:

(a) the allocation of commercial use trips to outfitters;

(b) a process to permit new outfitters on the Madison River;

(c) rule language to address all recreational use on the Madison River, including walk/wade sections and rest rotation proposals to replace those in ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706; and

(d) consequences of permit violations. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)

12.11.6711 REVIEW OF RECREATION RULES FOR MADISON RIVER

(1) The commission shall review:

(a) ARM 12.11.6702, 12.11.6705, and 12.11.6706 in 2023; and

(b) the rules governing recreational use on the Madison River every five years beginning in 2024. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)

Rules 12.11.6712 through 12.11.6714 reserved

12.11.6715 LIMIT DEVELOPMENT ON MADISON RIVER (1) Any

department acquisition for a fishing access site below Greycliff Fishing Access Site made after January 2, 2021, will be designated as carry-in only without boat ramp development. (History: 87-1-303, MCA; IMP, 87-1-303, MCA; NEW, 2020 MAR p. 2324, Eff. 12/25/20.)