

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE**  
**Willow Creek Addition Fee Title Acquisition**  
**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**  
**Region 3, Bozeman**  
**7 March 2022**

**Preface and Proposed Action**

This Decision Notice has been prepared for MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to purchase in fee title an 829-acre parcel of private land adjacent to Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area. The parcel is located approximately 4 miles south of Anaconda along MT Highway 569 ("Mill Creek Highway"). It is owned by Gayle and Roger Burnett. The owners have agreed to sell the property for \$2,700,000, which was the appraised value about 9 months ago. Due to the age of the original property valuation, the appraisal is currently being updated. If the re-appraisal establishes a value below \$2,700,000, then FWP and the owners will renegotiate the purchase price to account for the lower appraised value. If the re-appraisal establishes a value above \$2,700,000, the owners have agreed to donate any value above this amount to FWP. FWP would pay the \$2,700,000 purchase price using Habitat Montana and possibly other partner funds, including a \$258,400 grant from the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust. Upon purchase, the Willow Creek Addition property would be incorporated into the management of the existing Mt. Haggin WMA and be managed for its wildlife, fisheries and recreational values.

The Willow Creek Addition shares 2.5 miles of boundary with Mt. Haggin WMA and would contribute to the ecological function of the WMA. It contains big game winter range used heavily by mule deer and elk along with excellent pronghorn fawning and summer range. Mill Creek crosses the northwest corner of the property and Willow Creek flows across about 1 mile of the southern end. Genetics data has confirmed that pure strain westslope cutthroat trout occur in both bodies of water. The riparian habitat provided by these creeks sustain populations of moose, beaver, black bear, ruffed grouse, and numerous other small to mid-sized mammals, neotropical birds, bats, amphibians, and reptiles. Because of the diverse habitat ranging from forested mountain foothills, sagebrush, grasslands aspen groves and riparian, there is potential for numerous other game, non-game, and furbearing mammals and birds that occupy one, or rely on several habitat components, for parts or all of their annual requirements. The property also borders private land to the east that is protected under a conservation easement held by FWP. This furthers the ecological integrity of this property.

The proposed acquisition by FWP would ensure that Mt. Haggin WMA and this parcel would continue to serve the needs of wildlife and fisheries. In addition, this acquisition would provide additional public access for hunting, angling, trapping, wildlife-watching and other recreational opportunities.

**Public Process and Comments**

FWP is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment 31 January 2022.

Public comments on the proposed action were taken for 30 days (through 1 March 2022). The public was notified of the proposed action through the following avenues:

- An open house 5-6:30 PM on Tuesday February 8, 2022, at the Butte Area Resource Office.
- Two legal notices in: *Butte Montana Standard*, *Anaconda Leader*, *Helena Independent Record*.
- News release distributed to a standard list of media outlets interested in FWP Region 3 issues.
- Notice of this EA emailed, postal mailed or in-person to neighboring landowners, Deer Lodge County officials, local conservation groups, and other interested parties, including over 250 parties on the Butte Area Wildlife Biologist's email distribution list.
- Public notice posted on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks web page with Draft EA available and opportunity to submit comments online.

- Draft EA made available at FWP Region 3 Headquarters and Butte Area Resource Office.

Thirty-six parties submitted comments on the proposal. Thirty-three were in full support, two provided conditional support, and one party was opposed. All comments are listed in Table 1 in the order that they were received.

**FWP thanks all parties that provided comments to this proposed action.**

Table 1: Summary of comments received on the Willow Creek Addition proposal.

PARTY	FROM	SUPPORT or OPPOSE	COMMENTS
1. Individual	Bozeman	Support	<p>“Do it! As Anaconda grows, the pressures on the surrounding wildlands will only increase. Private and commercial development, recreational activities, trail-building, et al. Now is the time to acquire more wildlife habitat, to protect the area now and into the future. In the coming years prices will only go up, and likely astronomically so. Get as much land as you can, while you can.</p> <p>Thank you for your work and your continued efforts to conserve Montana’s natural heritage. It’s never been more important, what with everyone moving here. Montana has been discovered, alas. All we can do is work to save what’s left—for ourselves and for our wild neighbors.”</p>
2. Individual	Dillon	Support	<p>“As a sportsman living in Dillon, MT I frequently spend time with friends and family enjoying the Mt. Haggin WMA. It provides incredible recreational opportunities in SW Montana for the average person and the opportunity to expand upon this great public resource is something the department should jump on. This is critical winter range for many big game species as well as many nongame species. The close proximity to Anaconda and existing subdivision makes this an even more critical piece to purchase and keep as open space; managed for wildlife and public use. Habitat Montana is a program that utilizes sportsman’s dollars to purchase and maintain lands for the purpose of providing recreational opportunities and preserving critical wildlife habitat. This fits that bill entirely and would be a “no brainer” in my eyes.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to comment and show my full support.”</p>
3. Individual	Missoula	Support	<p>“This is a great project.”</p>
4. Individual	Bozeman	Support	<p>“I am 1000% in support of this acquisition for the benefit of wildlife and wildlands.”</p>

<p>5. Individual</p>	<p>Butte</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>“I wish to express my strong support for the proposed Willow Creek Addition land acquisition for the Mt Haggin wildlife management area.</p> <p>I can imagine no greater value for the public than the expenditure to make this high quality property a part of an already robust chunk of public lands.</p> <p>Vivid memories from my youth of the geographic area available for purchase, along with other parts of the WMA often come to mind in contrast to the present. The entire area had a literal pall over it due to the impacts from nearby industrial activities, further degraded by unsustainable use of the lands. A tremendous effort on the part of many, many people in recent years has resulted in a tangible change for the better on the landscape that includes the Willow Creek Addition and the inclusion of that property would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to continue the recovery of the lands and waters of the Clark Fork Basin to the benefit of the entire public.</p> <p>The habitat for wildlife and the waterways for aquatic life are invaluable in comparison to having this property chopped into a subdivision, which would likely be nearly as damaging an impact on the recovering landscape as the former industrial abuse was. This is a chance to place streams that support highly distressed native fish species under public stewardship and crucial land that supports a wide array of wildlife as well. The recovery of the Clark Fork basin, with a number of distressed native species which are losing ground to habitat loss every day, needs all the help it can get and the use of this land as proposed by the Montana FWP is essential help indeed. To see this parcel become 30 acre trophy ranchettes would be a travesty that we would all regret leaving as our legacy to future generations. If I imagine dozens of buildings with all the associated disruption to the undeveloped terrain and impact on the scarce water resources, I can but wonder if somebody of a past era watched what was happening to the same lands from industrial toxins wishing they could do something to prevent that.</p> <p>Merely being able to enjoy the photo in the EA of deer and elk utilizing the habitat side by side, along with the note of pronghorns finding a place to thrive, is worth the purchase price to me. It would be a great source of pride for me to be able to say that is publicly owned</p>
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			bitterbrush and grassland that is supporting those magnificent animals with forage and fawning space.”
6. Individual	Divide	Support	<p>“First and foremost I am in favor of MT FWP purchasing the 800 and some odd acres to add to Mount Haggin management area. The more public ground in wild places the better.</p> <p>Although the price tag seems to be at full retail i think any opportunities to grow habitat must not be overlooked. These days, there is far more encroachment on public lands than ever. Due to this encroachment wildlife as we know it has forever changed. Mule deer and sage grouse have not adapted well, elk have learned to live their entire lives within the confines of private ground and white tail deer have adapted to lands where others no longer inhabit, this has caused crowding along with disease to follow.”</p>
7. Individual	Big Sky	Support	<p>“I am not sure how often opportunities such as the Willow Creek acquisition come along but this looks like a very good opportunity to help preserve a valuable wildlife area. I support this acquisition.”</p>
8. Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	State-wide	Support	<p>“The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is a national conservation organization working to guarantee all Americans a quality place to hunt and fish. With over 130,000 national members and 3,500 members in Montana, the TRCP is focused on the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat and in providing access for hunters and anglers.</p> <p>We are writing to express our support for the Willow Creek addition to the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area, as proposed in a draft environmental assessment, published Jan 2022. This acquisition would add 829 acres to one of the most important WMAs in western Montana, conserving valuable habitat and expanding public access.</p> <p>This landscape is not only important for elk, mule deer, and wild trout, it supports a huntable pronghorn population in an area of the state where pronghorn hunting opportunities are scarce. This area has considerable real-estate development pressure and conservation of this parcel should be a priority for FWP and the State.</p> <p>We can’t imagine a better acquisition and we encourage the Department, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the State Land Board to move forward in securing this acquisition.”</p>

9. Individual	Region 3 CAC	Support	"I just wanted to write expressing my support for the Willow Creek addition to the Mt. Haggin WMA. What a key piece of habitat to acquire bordering the existing WMA."
10. Individual	Region 3 CAC	Support	"I sit on the Region 3 CAC. Though I don't spend a lot of time around Anaconda I do appreciate the time you have taken to work on ensuring we the citizens of Montana have great places to watch and hunt wildlife. This is money well spent."
11. Individual	Trout Creek	Support	"I am writing to express my support for the acquisition of the Willow Creek property by FWP. This is a great opportunity to protect important habitat for numerous wildlife species. This area is important winter range for both deer and elk and this acquisition will forever protect it from development. This addition to the Mount Haggin WMA will help to maintain a healthy landscape to further promote strong and vibrant wildlife populations."
12. Individuals	Anaconda	Support	"In favor to add Willow Creek property to Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area"
13. Individual	Anaconda	Support	"I would like to express my support for the purchase of the 829-acre parcel of private land adjacent to Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The area has excellent and easily accessible habitat for wildlife including elk, deer, grouse, bear, antelope and many nongame species. In addition the creeks harbor species of concern - cutthroat and perhaps bull trout."
14. Individual	Bozeman	Support	"I support Alternative B to purchase Willow Creek Addition Fee Title Acquisition for Inclusion in Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area as described in the Draft EA.  Thank you for all your analysis on this property and keeping it from residential development and for habitat for wildlife."
15. Individual	Region 3 CAC	Support	"I am an avid outdoorsperson/recreationist and a current member of the FWP Region 3 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). I write this email to enthusiastically and wholeheartedly support the purchase of 829 acres of private land that borders the Mt. Haggin WMA. The property under consideration currently shares a 2.5 mile border with the WMA and provides excellent Winter range for both mule deer and elk. This acreage is currently used heavily by both the mule deer and elk populations in the area. It also provides great fawning ground for the pronghorn population and Spring and Summer habitat for pronghorn as well. Additionally, both Mill Creek and Willow Creek run through this property which provides excellent riparian habitat areas. This land purchase, if completed, will be added

			to the existing WMA, is a definite win-win for the state of Montana, the seller of the property, and the many recreationists/outdoors enthusiasts that will utilize this great property in the future. With the huge influx of out of state landowners buying property in Montana and not allowing public use on their land, FWP must make every effort to provide more areas where the public can recreate and enjoy the outstanding Montana landscape. This purchase of 829 acres is a golden opportunity to provide more quality land that the general public can use and enjoy now and in the future.”
16. Representative HD 77	Anaconda	Support	Attended open house to voice support.
17. Adjacent landowner	Ramsey	Opposed	<p>Owns ranch adjacent to proposed acquisition. Would rather not see the state purchase the Willow Creek Addition property. In the event that FWP does purchase it, the individual asked that FWP consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use the existing ranch road across the property as the main access to the WMA instead of the county road across the Willow Glen Ranch and up Willow Creek.</li> <li>2. Allow the Willow Glen Ranch to lease grazing on the new acquisition.</li> <li>3. Allow the Willow Glen Ranch to utilize the domestic water right well on the new acquisition to provide water for their cattle on an adjacent portion of their property which is under conservation easement by FWP.</li> </ol> <p><i>FWP response: FWP will consider each of these points in terms of the cumulative benefits to the resource, the public and the adjacent landowners. Any action proposed on any of these points would need to be addressed through a separate environmental analysis.</i></p>
18. Individual	Anaconda	Support	<p>“ I am in favor of the plan to purchase the Willow Creek Addition &amp; add it to the Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area.</p> <p>My reasons can be summed up in quotations from the naturalist/ecologist/conservationist, Aldo Leopold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘I am glad I shall never be young without wild country to be young in.’ (My hope is for future generations to be able to say this.)</li> <li>• ‘Of what avail are 40 freedoms without a blank spot on the map?’ (The Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area &amp; the Willow Creek Addition are prime locations for exploration &amp; adventure.)</li> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, &amp; beauty of the biological community; it is wrong when it tends otherwise.’ (My preference is that as much land as possible should be preserved in its natural, pristine state.)”</li> </ul>
19. Individual	Anaconda	Support	“ I am in favor for this addition to the existing WMA. It will help with better access. The area holds Deer, Elk, Moose and Antelope along many other animals. It's a great addition to the valley in Anaconda where kids can try their luck hunting.”
20. Individual	unknown	Support	“Looks like a capital idea. Count me in as a wildlife, public land enthusiast. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.”
21. Individual	Wise River	Support	“I support this purchase for addition to the Mount Haggin Wildlife area.”
22. Individual	Anaconda	Support	“I am 70 years old and spent my whole life hunting and hiking the willow creek area. I think the purchase of this property to include in the WMA is a good thing with no downside. Any purchase that adds to public land in Montana is a good thing.”
23. Individual	Emigrant	Support	<p>“I support Alternative B the Proposed Action to purchase the Willow Creek Addition property to Mt. Haggin WMA. I see no negatives and lots of positives to this purchase.</p> <p>Please thank Gayle and Roger Burnett for giving the FWP the opportunity to purchase this from them, and agreeing to donate any difference in the appraisals, if needed.”</p>
24. Jefferson Valley Sportsmen	Whitehall	Support	<p>“The Jefferson Valley Sportsman’s Association supports the preferred action as described in the January 2022 Willow Creek Addition Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>The advantages of this acquisition are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The addition is bordered on 2 sides by Mt Haggin WMA. About one half of the eastside is bordered by an existing property with a conservation easement. This addition will be convenient to manage and will add to the integrity of the properties mentioned above.</li> <li>2. With the numerous mountain ranges in SW MT low elevation foothill winter ranges are prime for subdivision and development. Just look at the north side of Hwy 274 and note the development that occurred during the last 15 years. Not acquiring the Willow Creek Addition will be a lost opportunity.</li> <li>3. Acquiring reaches of Willow Creek will enable FWP to enhance habitat for westslope cutthroat</li> </ol>

			<p>trout and benefit the likelihood of maintaining viable populations.</p> <p>These are just a few of the advantages to choose the preferred alternative. This proposal seems logical and well thought out.”</p>
25. Anaconda Sportsmen Club	Anaconda	Support	<p>“The Anaconda Sportsmen’s Club favors alternate B that is for the Montana FWP to purchase the Mount Haggin WMA Willow Creek addition. The addition would really benefit Mt. Haggin WMA as it would give the WMA contiguous game corridor from the it’s Deer Lodge Valley floor over the Continental Divide and down into the Big Hole Valley. Presently Wildlife uses this parcel throughout all seasons to sustain themselves and so is now already benefiting Mount Haggin WMA. This is prime Mule Deer Country. Losing this land to a subdivision would be a loss for the WMA and the Conservation Easement properties bordering it to the East. A 829 acres loss of real good habitat. Soon the other side of the Mill Creek Valley will be fully developed and if this were developed too: it would really lessen wildlife habitat and its “Wildness”. So, we urge the Commission to approve this proposal that is FWP to purchase this property.”</p>
26. Anaconda Deer Lodge County Commission and Chief Executive	Anaconda	Qualified Support	<p>“This letter is in support of the purchase of the 829-acres as an addition to the Mt. Haggin WMA. However, the ADLC Commission and Chief Executive feel compelled to qualify this support and express our deep concern for what we view as gross undermanagement of the FWP Region 2 area. Specifically, the failure to manage the predators, especially mountain lions, in and around Anaconda, which borders the Mt. Haggin WMA. It is believed that there have been many reports of mountain lions and bears that have come into Anaconda over the years. FWP is fully aware of the large population of deer that wander the street of Anaconda and FWP is also cognizant of the fact that a lot of the deer, and likewise mountain lions, come from the Mt. Haggin WMA. The mountain lions have been seen in extremely close proximity to the Dwyer primary school, roaming Washoe Park, and walking the streets of Anaconda. Just a couple examples, in 2013 a mountain lion had to be killed im the Treasa Ann Terrace housing area (Mt Standard 9-26-13), and in 2021 a mountain lion was seen in Anaconda and on the same day a deer carcass in Anaconda was confirmed to have been killed by a mountain lion (MT Standard 5-21-21).</p>



			<p>While ADLC officials support public lands, public access, and FWP’s efforts in wildlife management, we are deeply concerned that the wildlife management, including predators is not being taken serious enough in the ADLC area.</p> <p>While we do support this current land purchase, which expands the Mt. Haggin WMA, we also ask that the urban deer and predator management be taken more seriously. It would appear that the urban deer population in Anaconda continues to grow and that will only make the predator population grow as well. this would appear to place a liability potential on FWP when they have notice from the local government that the predator issue exists in conjunction with the FWP WMA.</p> <p>ADLC would like to work in partnership with FWP and would like FWP to better manage Region 2.</p> <p>Again, ADLCX does support this current land purchase provided that FWP take our situation serious and provide better management of the deer and predator populations in Anaconda and the surrounding area.”</p> <p><i>FWP response: Foremost, FWP sincerely appreciates the support it has received from ADLC officials and the community over decades and we wish to continue a strong working relationship with them.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding ADLC officials’ wildlife management concerns, several steps are being taken to address them. FWP Region 2 Supervisor is meeting with ADLC officials regarding urban deer and lions in Anaconda. FWP Region 3 has increased the lion quota in HD 319 which encompasses Mt Haggin WMA and this proposed acquisition. In addition, FWP Region 3 is exploring ways to expand lion hunting opportunities on Mt Haggin WMA during the winter closure period.</i></p>
27. Adjacent Landowner	Nonresident	Not explicitly stated	<p>“As the landowners of Section 29 we wish to comment in writing on the Draft Environmental Assessment. You (FWP wildlife biologist Vanna Boccadori) acknowledge during our conversation on February 10, 2022, our legal easement through Section 19 and 30 and assured us that the existing road would remain “as is” and we would be given keys to any gates to allow us to use the road. This easement allow for year ‘round access.</p>

			<p>Also, according to our conversation there will be a wildlife friendly fence constructed, signed, and maintained at the expense of MT FWP to define the boundary between our property and Mt Haggin WMA-Willow Creek Addition. This would identify the property line and would protect us against inadvertent trespassers.”</p> <p><i>FWP response: As stated in Part 2, Section 3 of the draft Environmental Analysis, actions described in this EA do not regulate the use of private property. Therefore, the adjacent landowner’s lease that allows year-round access to their property on an existing ranch road across the Willow Creek Acquisition property will be honored and supported by FWP.</i></p> <p><i>FWP desires to be a good neighbor and manage the public’s use of the WMA so as not to infringe on adjacent private landowners. As stated in Part 3, Section A-5e of the draft EA “If amenable to adjacent landowners, FWP would remove fencing or modify existing fencing to allow for safe wildlife passage along shared borders with private landowners.” FWP commits to working with the adjacent landowner to install boundary fencing that allows for safe wildlife passage and sufficiently defines borders.</i></p>
28. Individual	Anaconda	Support	<p>“ In full support of FWP's proposal to purchase the 829-acre parcel adjacent to Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area, I write to you today.</p> <p>To maintain uninterrupted wildlife migration corridors while protecting all habitat and natural resources, reducing impacts brought about by private development, seems a win win win for all mankind.</p> <p>Beautiful Montana, in which a few of us have had the privilege to grow up, is in peril. Access to the natural beauty that surrounds us is rapidly shrinking. This is a rare opportunity for an acquisition that impacts our lives as well as this rich ecosystem, profoundly. With entities prepared to consummate this purchase, there are no sensible deterrents.</p> <p>Please make this happen.”</p>
29. Skyline Sportsmen Association	Butte	Support	<p>“ Skyline Sportsmen’s Assoc. and its 350+ members SUPPORTS the proposed Willow Ck. Land acquisition. The 829 acre acquisition will add to and support activities on the Mt. Haggin W.M.A. and secure additional public access</p>



			Thank You”
30. Individual	Butte	Support	“I SUPPORT the 829 acre Willow Ck Addition acquisition by Montana Fish Wildlife.”
31. Individual	Butte	Support	“ This parcel seems to be a good acquisition for the WMA and the area. Opportunities like this don't come along very often, so FWP should go for it. Hope you are able to close the deal.”
32. Individual	Anaconda	Support	“I support the purchase of the 829-acre parcel known as the Willow Creek Addition to the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area.”
33. Individual	Anaconda	Support	“I support the proposal to purchase the Willow Creek Addition and add it to the Mt Haggin Wildlife Management Area.”
34. Individual	Anaconda	Support	“I support the purchase of the 829-acre parcel known as the Willow Creek Addition to the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area.”
35. Individual	Anaconda	Support	“I wish to voice support for the purchase of the Willow Creek Addition. This land would be a terrific addition to the Mt. Haggin WMA. I’m very familiar with this land. I used to hike it frequently before it went private. It offers habitat for deer, elk, moose, Hungarian partridges, and numerous other species of birds and animals. It is very hiker and wildlife viewer friendly with excellent access to the public.”
36. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	Statewide	Support	<p>“The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers submits this comment in support of the proposed fee land acquisition project south of Anaconda, Montana in the area adjacent to the Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area. The Montana Chapter’s nearly 3,000 members have a keen interest in the permanent protection of Montana lands (more than 800 acres here), as our organization is dedicated to protecting the value that wild lands, wildlife and wild fish bring to our great state. We strive to protect large parcels of backcountry fish and wildlife habitat, as well as the opportunity for traditional non-motorized hunting and fishing experiences.</p> <p>Acquisitions of new lands by Montana FWP provide an invaluable resource to Montanans and the rest of the nation. As FWP is aware, enlargement and development of additional public lands purposed and managed for wildlife, fisheries and recreation values (as described here) will only serve to assist with distribution of growing public use and enhancement of the natural resource user experience.</p> <p>Of particular significance with this acquisition is the importance of this habitat to ungulate populations for elk and deer winter range and pronghorn fawning and</p>



		<p>summer range. Furthermore, these lands provide important riparian habitat around Willow Creek and Mill Creek, sustaining populations of moose, beaver, black bear, grouse, and numerous other birds, amphibians and reptiles. Finally, Willow Creek and Mill Creek both sustain wild populations of native Westslope Cutthroat trout and potentially threatened Bull trout. The diversity of species utilizing these lands underscore the value of this acquisition, separate and distinct from the human recreational experience.</p> <p>We support the acquisition of these lands as an addition to the Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area so that these properties will become part of Montana’s public land heritage (avoiding potential subdivision in to 27 individual 30-acre lots, as currently zoned) and will be managed for the recreational, wildlife and fish habitat benefits they can provide. This opportunity to enlarge public land ownership will not only provide greater public access to recreational lands but will also permanently protect the biologically rich habitat that contributes to the diverse wildlife in this area.”</p>
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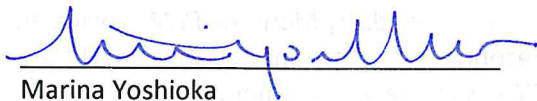
**Final Environmental Assessment**

The Draft Environmental Assessment, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

**Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment and public comment, it is my decision to approve the proposed action to purchase the Willow Creek Addition, an 829-acre parcel adjacent to Mt. Haggin WMA, pending Fish & Wildlife Commission and MT State Land Board approval.

I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.



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 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

7 March 2022  
 Date

