

## FUTURE FISHERIES PROJECT RANKING WINTER 2023 FUNDING CYCLE

*Montana ARM Rule 12.7.1203*

*(1) Eligible projects that have been approved by the review panel will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a committee that includes at least two department personnel with a background in fishery biology and an understanding of the habitat requirements of fish and one member of the review panel.*

The Committee's ranking of the Future Fisheries Projects approved for funding by the Citizen Review Panel during the Winter 2023 funding cycle are as follows:

Winter 2023 Future Fisheries Applications - Final Scores				
Project #	Project Name	Program cost (\$)	Total Points (of 300)	REVIEW Rank
002-2023	Bull River Riparian Function Restoration	\$30,000.00	265	1
008-2023	North Burnt Fork Creek fish passage reconnection	\$39,970.00	263	2
007-2023	Nevada Creek restoration phase 6	\$103,000.00	254	3
004-2023	Granite Creek Fish Passage	\$85,000.00	249	4
006-2023	McKinley Lake dam removal	\$30,000.00	238	5
003-2023	Flint Creek riparian restoration phase 2B	\$39,000.00	227	6
010-2023	Prickly Pear Creek Simmental fish screen	\$43,000.00	213	7
011-2023	Spring Coulee Creek Culvert Replacement	\$40,830.00	209	8
009-2023	O'Brien Creek Meadows stream restoration	\$43,888.00	202	9
005-2023	Little Boulder River restoration	\$30,870.00	190	10

Rankings are based on: 1) benefits to native fish; 2) public benefits; 3) importance of the waterbody; 4) long-term effectiveness; 5) benefits relative to cost; and 6) cost share. **The ranking committee and Citizen Review Panel recommends that all prioritized projects receive final funding approval according to the Program cost (above).**