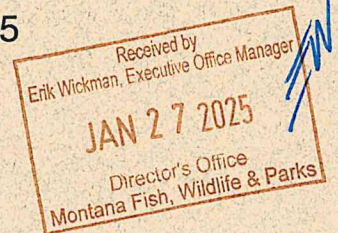




The Cabinet Resource Group

Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

Greetings! This letter represents the Cabinet Resource Groups (CRG) support for initiating MAPA rule making on the petition by Paul Overman and fellow petitioners regarding motorized watercraft use on the Bull River.

The CRG is a signatory member of the Avista / Clark Fork Dam Relicensing Group which directs input and recommendations to Avista Corp. on its relicensing pledge of \$42,000,000 over a period of 30 years for restoration activities on land and waters historically affected by dam operations.

Bull River, the major tributary for Bull Trout restoration in the Upper Clark Fork River segment is a narrow (16' - 30') and fairly shallow river, mostly used by residents, fisherman, small non-powered watercraft and MT visitors. It is a family river, unsuitable for the high powered watercraft use that initiated the Overman petition.

Please consider the petition for rule making to protect this invaluable public resource.

Sincerely

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