

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS
Projects Submitted for Funding
to the
Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust

The Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust requests public comments on project proposals submitted for funding by the Trust. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust was established by the US Congress, funded by proceeds from the sale of federally leased cabin sites on Canyon Ferry Reservoir. The purpose of this Trust is to provide a permanent source of funding for the acquisition of publicly accessible land in the State of Montana in order to:

- Restore and conserve fisheries habitat, including riparian habitat;
- Restore and conserve wildlife habitat;
- Enhance public hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities;
- Improve public access to public lands.

Two independent oversight Boards, a Joint State-Federal Board and a Citizen Advisory Board, are responsible for ensuring the goals of the trust are met. Board meetings are open to the public and public participation is encouraged.

Project applications for the 2024 funding cycle were received. The first phase of review by the Citizen's Advisory Board has been completed. The projects are now being forwarded to the Joint Federal-State Board for review and public comment. Written comments on the projects will be accepted for a 30-day period beginning May 3, 2024 and ending 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2024. The projects recommended by the Citizens Advisory Board for funding are Eagles Roost CE submitted by Mt Fish, Wildlife & Parks; East Cliffs Addition by Mt Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Mt Great Outdoors CE Phase II submitted by Trust for Public Land; and Smith Lake-Swift Creek Legacy submitted by Whitefish Legacy Partners.

A copy of the proposed projects nominated for funding are available via email at fwctrust@mtoutdoorlegacy.org or deb@mtoutdoorlegacy.org. You can also call Deb Lane at 406-461-9524.

Following the comment period, the Joint Federal-State Board will review comments and act on the proposals at their June 4, 2024 meeting.