

PUBLIC NOTICE

In 1999 the Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Montana, Act of 1998, Title X (P.L. 105-277), establish the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust using the proceeds of sale from federally leased cabin sites at Canyon Ferry Reservoir. The Trust was created to provide a permanent source of funding to enhance public hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities in the state of Montana. Two independent oversight boards were formed to ensure the goals of the Trust. On June 5, 2002, the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust Agreement was signed by the Secretary of the Interior and the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Foundation establishing a Trust Manager.

In 2005, the Secretary of the Interior convened a working group to gather more specific information on improving the effectiveness of the existing Trust Agreement. The group completed its task and entered into negotiations with the Trust Manager for modifications to the Trust Agreement. A second negotiation session will be held Wednesday, September 24 at 9 a.m. at the Park Plaza Hotel, 22 North Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Mont. in the Unionville Conference Room. The public is invited to participate in the session as observers. Time will be available for public comment.

To provide written comment or to request additional information, contact Sharon Suralski, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region, P.O. Box 36900, Billings, MT 59107, ssuralski@gp.usbr.gov or (406) 247-7615.