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Reconstructed Hyalite Creek Accessible Fishing Platforms Open - Thanks to Many Partners

Bozeman, MT... Work to reconstruct three handicap accessible fishing platforms and improve fish habitat near the platforms is almost complete. The fishing platforms are located along the .4 mile paved Langohr Creekside Trail in Hyalite Canyon and can be accessed from the small parking area near the lower camping units in Langohr Campground. Although reconstruction efforts are not complete, the platforms are open and accessible.

This project was a cooperative effort between the Madison Gallatin Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Gallatin Empire Lion's Club, Gallatin National Forest, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and Montana Conservation Corp. "This project is a great example of how partners can provide recreation experiences accessible by many more people with varying physical abilities," said Gene Gibson, Gallatin Empire Lions Club Project Chairperson. "The project would probably not have happened without the combined efforts of all the partners."

"This cooperative project improved both the safety of each platform as well as adjacent in-stream fish habitat," said Scott Barndt, Gallatin National Forest Fisheries Biologist. "Improving fish habitat next to the platforms will help improve visitor's experience when fishing along this portion of Hyalite Creek."

If interested in trying out the platforms this year, anglers will have until end of the general fishing season, November 30, 2008. Otherwise, the platforms will be available next fishing season. In addition to angler opportunities, the platforms provide high quality outdoor experiences for all users. Please call the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520 or visit us online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin> for additional information.

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