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The Bureau of Land Management Billings Field Office is asking the public to review and comment on its environmental assessment of a proposed right-of-way for access to the Yellowstone River.

Yellowstone County is applying for the right-of-way to construct and maintain a river access site at an island just upstream from Bundy Bridge and Pompeys Pillar, 30 miles east of Billings. The site would encompass 3.63 acres, but only one-half acre would be disturbed.

The site would provide much-needed access to the Yellowstone River for recreationists and search and rescue crews. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks plans to construct a boat ramp and vault toilet at the site.

Copies of the EA, and the unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record (DR), are available from the Billings Field Office or on the BLM website at: www.mt.blm.gov/bifo. Comments are due to the Billings Field Office at 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT, 59101, by the close of business June 7, 2006.

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