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## **FWP AND BLM TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON MADISON RIVER SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT**

**BOZEMAN**—Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office will hold public meetings in Bozeman and Ennis in January on the new Madison River Special Recreation Permit.

The first meeting will be in Bozeman on Jan. 24 at the FWP Headquarters conference room (1400 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.) and the second meeting will be in Ennis on Jan. 29 at the Ennis High School Library (223 Charles St.) Both meetings will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the meetings, FWP and the BLM have developed an operations manual for the permit program, which will provide guidelines for the agencies to implement the program.

The cooperative permit program was approved in the fall of 2007 by FWP and the BLM to address management of commercial use, competitive events, and organized group activities on the popular Madison River Corridor. Fees collected from the program will be used to improve recreation management and facilities along the Madison River.

The purpose of the meetings is to inform participants about how to apply for a permit, the responsibilities of holding a permit, and what record keeping will be required. The meetings will

also provide people with an opportunity to ask questions and suggest ways to make the new program more user-friendly.

Comments will be accepted until Feb. 15, 2008 and should be sent to:

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A copy of the Madison River Special Recreation Permit proposed operations manual can be obtained by calling Maria Blevins at FWP at 406-994-6359. The operations manual will also be available on Jan. 18 on the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) and clicking on “outdoor recreation” or the BLM website at [http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/dillon\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/dillon_field_office.html).

The permit system will take effect this year in March and encompass the 98-mile stretch of river between the national forest boundary below Quake Lake and its confluence with the Jefferson River.

For more information about the special recreation permit program, contact Maria Blevins, Madison River Manager, at 406-994-6359 or Susan James, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 406-682-4082.

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