



**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

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## WESTSLOPE CUTTHROAT TROUT PROJECT THIS FALL WILL FOCUS ON BLACK AND BLACKFOOT LAKES IN THE JEWEL BASIN

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) will begin implementation of the South Fork Westslope Cutthroat Trout Project with chemical piscicide treatments scheduled for Black Lake (Sept. 25-27) and Blackfoot Lake (Oct. 2-4) in the Jewel Basin Hiking Area. These treatments will remove non-native trout, which threaten native westslope cutthroat trout downstream in the South Fork Flathead River. Black and Blackfoot lakes will be re-stocked with westslope cutthroat next summer to re-establish the fishery.

For safety reasons there will be temporary trail closures in a portion of the Jewel Basin Hiking Area during the Black and Blackfoot lake treatments (see below).

<u>Area and Trails</u>	<u>Closures</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Black Lake		September 25-27, 2007
Trail 1 (from Picnic Lakes Trail 392 to Trail 55)		September 25-27, 2007
Trail 719 (from East Jewel lake to Trail 1)		September 25-27, 2007
Blackfoot Lake		October 2-4, 2007
Graves Creek (from Trail 719 to Road 897)		October 2-4, 2007
Trail 1 (from Trail 719 to Road 897)		October 2-4, 2007
Trail 719 (from Bridge at North Jewel Lake to Trail 55)		October 2-4, 2007
Forest Road 897 above Handkerchief Lake		October 2-4, 2007

For the past year, FWP has conducted an extensive outreach process to involve and inform the public about the project. Updates will be posted on the project website. For more information please contact Matt Boyer at 406-751-4556 or visit the project website: <http://fwp.mt.gov/r1/wctproject/default.html>

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