

Decision Summary - Wilderness

Project Name	North Fork Blackfoot River Fish Restoration		
Forest	Helena – Lewis & Clark and Lolo	Region	Northern Region
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Wilderness DM (Category 6 (36 CFR 220.6(e)(6))			
Planned Decision Date		March 15, 2021	

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
The project purpose & need is conservation of Westslope cutthroat trout through collaboration with Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks' (FWP) establishment of a secure population within protected habitat.
Intended Selected Action
The Forest Service proposes to provide FWP a Pesticide Use Permit for use Rotenone within the Scapegoat Wilderness, and Wilderness Minimum Requirements authorization to use normally prohibited measures (landing of helicopters, use of mechanized equipment, use of motorized transport, and establishment of temporary camps) in wilderness, subject to a minimum requirements decision guide.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
Congressionally designated wilderness, Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat (grizzly bear, threatened; Canada lynx, threatened; Canada lynx critical habitat; and bull trout, threatened) Note: These are resource conditions present, but no extraordinary circumstances exist.
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
Consulted with: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Montana State Historic Preservation Office Consolidated Salish, and Kootenai Tribe Blackfoot Tribe Public Scoping letter mailed January 27, 2021
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status
Decision needed not later than mid-March 2021 to meet administrative considerations of FWP. No objection status as project is categorically excluded from detailed NEPA analysis