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Re: Proposed Adoption of an Administrative Rule Establishing a Management Area for Eurasian Watermilfoil

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to inform you that the department is proposing to adopt an administrative rule that establishes a management area for Eurasian watermilfoil, an aquatic noxious weed, currently found in the Noxon and Cabinet Gorge reservoirs. Adoption of the rule falls under the authority of the Aquatic Invasive Species Act, 80-7-1001 – 1014, MCA. Enclosed is a DRAFT copy of the proposed rule concerning the adoption of the administrative rule. The rule creates a designated area intended for containment of Eurasian watermilfoil, helping prevent its spread to other bodies of water in the state. Check stations, as required by 80-7-1011, MCA, will be used to ensure that boats and other water related recreational craft (i.e., jet skis, canoes, rafts, etc.) are clean of plant material and sediment.

The department will be receiving comments on this proposed rule through June 10, 2010. Comments should be sent to the department at the address above. We will evaluate and incorporate the comments as appropriate. If this results in substantial changes to the document, another draft copy may be sent for review.

Thank you for your time and efforts on this issue.

Sincerely,

Gregory H. Ames  
Administrator

Enclosure