

# Canyon Ferry Working Group

## Transportation and Access

April 27, 2004

### 15 Attendees

Introduction and Welcome by Craig Trinkle

Paul Backlund spoke about recent projects around Canyon Ferry

- Broadwater Bay's construction and the completion of the boat ramp and parking lot
- Goose Bay boat ramp extension
- New office building construction initiated
- Repair of dam's stilling basin to be complete around November
- Design phase for rehabilitation of Court Sheriff initiated

Craig Trinkle reviewed minutes from previous transportation meetings

- Note agenda

Craig Trinkle opened the discussion as to the need for the selection of a Committee Chairperson and Reporter

- Mr. Darrel James (Transportation/Environmental Planner) was selected as the Chairman
- Ms. Debbie Alke (Administrator for the Montana Aeronautics Division) was selected as the Reporter

Transportation Plan

- Open discussion on the placement of speed bumps along the East and West Shore Drives
- The committee agreed there is a need for speed bumps yet, debated the number and locations
- A comment was made that there were too many speed bumps and suggested a reduction in number should be considered; committee agreed to address issue
- Mr. Darryl James (chairman) also mentioned that studies have shown speed bumps to be ineffective in certain areas
- Craig Trinkle will work directly with the CFRA Safety/Travel committee to propose exact locations of speed bumps; maps will be provided
- There is a need to have a few sections of the milled road repaired before chip sealing proceeds
- Option of placing a painted center line on the milled sections of the roads to remind drivers of the narrow width
- The committee discussed the placement of speed limit signs; decided to wait on any placement until the law enforcement issue can be remedied

- Craig Trinkle spoke of the meeting with the Lewis and Clark Sheriff's Department and informed the attendees that patrols by the department will be similar to previous years
- Lengthy discussion as to why the Lewis and Clark Sheriff's Department could not enforce speed limits on East and West Shore Drives. Paul Backlund stated BOR's position and what actions the BOR and others have taken to alleviate the law enforcement situation on government lands; the committee was committed to going forward toward trying to resolve the law enforcement issue as to enforcement on BOR lands
- Request to have a representative commissioner(s) and a member(s) of the Sheriff's Department present at future meetings
- Paul Backlund gave the history and discussed the access issues along the Woodridge trail/road
- Mr. Darrel James (chairman) stated that, at the next meeting, he would summarize BOR travel plan goals as reflected in the RMP
- Paul Backlund discussed the need for a holistic approach to the travel plans; to incorporate the following:
  - Existing roads/trails to and around the reservoir
  - Access the shoreline between the water and high-water mark
  - Water body travel plans

#### Access issues on East and West Shore Drives

- Questions continue to arise as to various access issues in the East and West Shore Drive areas; these will be addressed

#### Group Participation Issues

- Discussion was held as to the fact that current participants in this committee seem to be primarily made up of CFRA homeowners
- Individuals felt that the committee was very biased toward homeowner's issues
- Need to draw other users of the lake to participate
- Craig Trinkle stated that a sincere effort was made through telephone contacts to involve participants from other areas of the lake; contacts made in the Townsend area were not fruitful; apparent slight interest
- Committee members agreed to make an effort (individually) to attract other members
- Discussed the option of posting notifications at local businesses of upcoming meetings; to be discussed further at the next meeting

#### Action Items:

- Next meeting in 2 to 3 weeks
- Craig Trinkle will work with the committee chairman to organize and notify committee members
- Attendees will continue to solicit more individuals to attend meetings
- Seek further clarification on the Sheriff's Department's ability to enforce speed limits on BOR roads

- Locations of access roads/trails with “issues” are to be identified
- Sea plane use and permit discussion