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**Farm Lease Extension North Shore of Flathead Lake
Draft Environmental Assessment**

Dear Ms. Ivy,

The Flathead Audubon Society is a local, active group of people interested in sound stewardship and management of natural resources. We have reviewed the July 6, 2015 Draft Environmental Assessment for Farm Lease Extension North Shore of Flathead Lake and wish to provide the following comments.

We support Alternative B: Proposed Action as described in the Draft EA to extend the farming lease contracts by one year for both the WMA and State Park/WMA properties. The Proposed Action will provide continuity of management of the properties and for the lease holders. It is important to continue noxious weed control as an integral part of managing habitat and to continue providing suitable waterfowl feeding habitat through the use of farming.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Lewis Young
Conservation Chair
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