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Otter Island Fisheries Conservation Area Additions
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 1 Headquarters
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Dear Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

The Flathead Audubon Society (FAS) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Otter Island Fisheries Conservation Area Additions and wish to submit comments.

FAS supports the proposal for MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks to purchase the two parcels of land and manage it as described in the draft environmental assessment. The protection and management of riparian and wetland habitats on this parcel will benefit both fisheries and wildlife while providing access to the public for fishing and other dispersed recreation activities. The long-term conservation of the Flathead River will benefit from this purchase.

Proposed Addition #1 borders the Owen Sowerwine Natural Area which FAS co-manages with Montana Audubon. Together the Proposed Additions will tie together the Otter Island Fisheries Conservation Area and Owen Sowerwine Natural Area and create a continuous length of conservation property along the Flathead River.

Thank you for your consideration.

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