



Superintendent  
Attention: Quartz Lake EA  
P.O. Box 128  
Glacier National Park  
West Glacier, MT 59936.

March 25, 2009

### **Proposed Large-Scale Removal of Lake Trout on Quartz Lake**

Dear Superintendent:

The Flathead Audubon Society (FAS) is a local, active group of people interested in sound stewardship and management of natural resources.

We have reviewed the Public Scoping Document for the Proposed Large-Scale Removal of Lake Trout on Quartz Lake and submit the following comments.

Flathead Audubon Society supports the preservation and management of native fish species especially in a setting such as Quartz Lake in Glacier National Park. FAS encourages Glacier National Park to move ahead rapidly with a project that will effectively remove as many of the non-native, invasive, lake trout as possible and protect and maintain the native fish species. Although use of motorized boats and other required equipment in the project is a concern because of the impacts to the wilderness character of Quartz Lake, such motorized use would be an acceptable short-term impact as long as the project is designed to restrict motorized use to the minimum necessary to accomplish the long-term goal of protecting and maintaining the native fish.

FAS would like to be notified when the EA is ready for public review.

Thank you for incorporating our comments.

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