



Gael Bissell
North Shore EA
490 North Meridian Rd.
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Dear Gael,

The Flathead Audubon Society enthusiastically supports the proposal to purchase land and establish a state park and wildlife management area along the north shore of Flathead Lake as described in the Draft Environmental Assessment for North Shore State Park/WMA dated August 27, 2008.

The proposed project would accomplish habitat protection along the North Shore of Flathead Lake, enhance wildlife habitat, and provide new public recreational and conservation education opportunities that are compatible with protection of the resource, all of which are in line with Flathead Audubon Society's goals and mission. Being adjacent to the existing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Area increases the value of the project.

Yours truly,

Mike Fanning
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