

Canyon Ferry Working Group Meeting
August 10, 2005
Our Lady of the Lake Church

The list below is a compilation of the major items for discussion at the Canyon Ferry working group meeting. Specific information with respect to any of the topics can be obtained by contacting the Facility Manager at the Canyon Ferry Office 406-475-3923

FY04/05 Activities

Silos Campground, usage plan

December Working Group meeting East and West Shore Drive Travel plans

MT Conservation Trust Fund Trust Board contact list. Mike Korn, MTFWP provided information.

Spillway repairs

New 20 year concession contract for Yacht Basin Marina was awarded in March 2005

Plans for FY06

Court Sheriff Campground Improvement project

A Parking lot expansion project at Yacht Basin is being designed

The Yacht Basin marina operator explained a proposal to allow overnight trailer camping at Chalet in conjunction with rental of the shelter. The attendees at the meeting were allowed to provide comment and ask questions prior to Reclamation making a decision on whether to approve or disapprove the concessionaire's proposal.

The level of improvements planned for Court Sheriff Campground is similar to Devils Elbow Campground.

Request for Proposals for new long-term concession operation contract at Kim's Marina in the final phase of approval. The target release date is September/October.

Asphalt millings on East and West Shore Drives
Ownership - Homeowners or Reclamation
Access easement
Road Maintenance

Knapweed spraying

White Earth walking trail

Jo Bonner walking trail to Canyon Ferry office

Funding possibilities for lakeshore non-motorized trails.

This was the kick off meeting to begin the process for developing a plan for shoreline management at Canyon Ferry. Many issues were brought up for inclusion in the discussion including;

- Dock location and right of ways/access easements
- Dock construction standards
- Decks
- Walkways
- Breakwaters
- Retaining walls
- Aesthetics/visual
- Zones/zoning
- Extending private lots
- Grounds keeping
- Scenic waterways regulations
- Dredging

Environmental Compliance/disclosure

There was a question about shoreline habitat restoration, started 4-5 years ago. This included planting various types of vegetation. What is the status?

Shoreline Erosion

- Federal Land
- Private property
- High water easement
- Jurisdiction
- Building w/out permits
- Reclamation policy

Previous work has been done on a Shoreline Management Plan

Rules/Regulations supplied to new homeowners by Reclamation

Private property creating access to shore where didn't exist before

What types of things can property owners leave/store on the beach (trampolines, canopies)?

Private property on public land, available for use by all public

Current activity/actions related to Shoreline Management prior to plan implementation

No moratorium on new construction located on the shoreline at this time. A case by case rational and justification will be needed to make decision about permitting any structure.

SCHEDULE for OCTOBER SHORELINE MEETING

Sign In/Notification: We will send an e-mail if you have provided one. Will any regular mail notifications be made?

Location: East Helena, Middle School

Lead Notice: mail flyer 30 days in advance.

Time/Date: Mid-October mid week; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Attendee list – will provide a mailing list for notification on the October meeting

Press release will be sent announcing the meeting

Meeting summary will be posted on the MTAO website

One final discussion topic was raised;

Replacement of mobile homes at Kim's Marina was brought up. This will be an ongoing discussion between owners, concession operators and Reclamation regarding this topic.