Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Most FWP sites remain open, some restrictions apply

COVID-19

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As a reminder to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing guidelines should be followed at all FWP sites. Keep your distance from fellow recreators. While fishing access sites, state parks and wildlife management areas remain open (check for seasonal closures and openings), fishing piers, playgrounds and group-use facilities are closed to the public.

Maintenance at FWP facilities will be cut back and public opportunities limited:

- Overnight camping will not be allowed. - Campgrounds will be systematically closed to give current campers 72-hour notice. - Group use sites will be closed, including playgrounds and fishing piers. - Visitor center closures will be extended at least through April 10. - Bathrooms may be limited. - Sites will be regularly patrolled by enforcement staff.

If a parking lot at a fishing access site or state park is full, consider another place to recreate. Also, it is a good idea to recreate in your local area.

Bannack State Park is temporarily closed due to social distancing concerns and to limit the possible spread of COVID-19. Given the nature of Bannack State Park and the desire to tour the many buildings that comprise the town site, it is next to impossible to adhere to social distancing directives and still allow tours. The park will be closed until at least April 24, when the directives will expire or be extended. For more information on FWP's response to COVID-19, visit http://fwp.mt.gov/covid19.

Contacting FWP with licensing, other questions

For the foreseeable future, people interested in getting help with application and licensing questions should call the FWP Licensing Call Center at 406-444-2950 or email fwplic@mt.gov. The licensing call center will be answering calls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. At times the call volume is high; please be patient as statewide staff work hard to answer questions in a timely manner.

Other Questions?

If you're trying to reach FWP staff to ask very localized questions outside of licensing issues, please call:

· Kalispell: 406-751-4564

· Missoula: 406-542-5503

· Great Falls: 406-454-5841

· Glasgow: 406-228-3702

· Billings: 406-247-2970

· Miles City: 406-234-0930 – for Block Management Program questions

Aquatic Invasive Species boat check inquiries: 406-444-2440

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