



SCOPING NOTICE
PROPOSED DISK GOLF COURSE ON STATE TRUST LANDS IN THE SMITH LAKE AREA
February 18, 2016

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Stillwater Unit, is soliciting comments and concerns on requested use of State Lands in the Smith Lake area near the head of Whitefish Lake.

The Whitefish Disc Federation (WDF), a Whitefish based club, is proposing to establish a 27-hole disc golf course in the south half of section 32, T32N R22W near the Smith Lake area (see attached map). DNRC is considering the issuance of a Land Use License (LUL) which would allow improvements to be placed on the landscape such as rubber mat style tee boxes, signage, disc targets and single track walking paths between holes. All improvements would be non-perpetual in nature and could be moved off the landscape and rehabbed if requested. To accommodate users, some additional parking would be developed over time as well.

The area where the proposed course would be developed has seen substantial dispersed unmanaged disk golf activity from the general public for many years. The proposal being considered would produce additional revenue for the school trust involved (Montana State University) and allow management of disk golf activities in the area which would help protect resources.

This notice has been sent to you because you are a neighboring land owner or we believe you may have interest in the proposal area. In accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act, public concerns about the project and potential environmental impacts must be considered and analyzed prior to making the decision of whether to grant the Land Use License.

You have until March 11, 2016 to submit your concerns or comments relating to these projects by mailing or e-mailing written comments to Nicole Stickney, *Stillwater State Forest, P.O. Box 164, Olney, MT 59927* or nstickney@mt.gov. If you have no comments, but would like to be kept on the mailing list for this project, call 406-881-2666 or e-mail that request during this same period. If no response is received, you will no longer remain on the mailing list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Stickney". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Nicole Stickney
Special Uses Forester
Stillwater State Forest

Disc Golf Licensed Area Proposal

Private

Smith Lake

East Lakeshore Rd.

Whitefish Lake

Private

Legend

- Disc Golf Course
-  Disc Golf Trailhead
-  Existing Parking Area
-  Proposed Parking Area
- Whitefish Trail
-  Swift Creek Trailhead
-  MT DNRC

