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## Public Comment Sought on Environmental Assessment for 'North Shore Trail Relocation - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project' -Giant Springs State Park

-Deadline is Thursday, July 11 at 5pm -

(Helena, MT) – Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) announced today that public comment is being sought on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the 'North Shore Trail Relocation Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project'.

This project includes the proposed relocation of the North Shore Trail located on the Lewis & Clark Heritage Greenway Conservation Easement near Great Falls, Montana. The Greenway is located on land owned by PPL Montana and is managed as part of Giant Springs State Park.

The relocation project is designed primarily as a safety improvement to remove pedestrian and bicycle use from PPL Montana's gravel administrative road (connecting their hydroelectric facilities in the area) to a new trail location that will be developed in the adjacent grasslands area.

The North Shore Trail is part of the River's Edge Trail system and part of a community wide pedestrian and bicycle trail program.

The EA analyzes the impacts to the human and natural environment from the proposed action and alternatives. We invite the public to review EA and provide comments to Montana State Parks **by Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 5pm**.

The public is asked to comment online at stateparks.mt.gov – click on 'public notices' on the right hand task bar - or send comments by mail to: North Shore Trail EA, FWP Region 4 headquarters, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405.

For additional information, contact Matt Marcinek, Regional Manager for Montana State Parks at (406) 454-5859.

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