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### Public Comment Sought for Centennial Trail Extension at Spring Meadow Lake State Park

(Helena, MT) – Montana State Parks ([stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov)) is seeking public comment on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed Prickly Pear Land Trust Centennial Trail Extension at Spring Meadow Lake State Park in Helena, MT. **Comments accepted through Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 5pm.**

The proposal would create a 900-foot connector trail between Prickly Pear Land Trust's (PPLT) Tenmile Creek Park and the termination of the Centennial Trail at the Montana Wild Parking lot. The proposed multi-use, nonmotorized trail would be constructed in collaboration with PPLT using volunteer labor and hand tools. The trail would have a natural, native-soil surface and cross the southwestern corner of Spring Meadow Lake property.

The proposed trail connection would serve as part of a bike and walk commuter route for the over 700 employees who work at the VA Hospital and Fort Harrison. It would also provide recreationists with seamless access between Spring Meadow Lake State Park and Tenmile Creek Park.

**To view a full copy of the environmental assessment visit [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) and click "Public Notices".**

The public comment period will be open for 30 days and comments will be accepted through Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 5pm. The public is invited to comment **online** at [stateparks.mt.gov](http://stateparks.mt.gov) and click "submit comments" or by **email** to [cputchat@mt.gov](mailto:cputchat@mt.gov).

The public may also send written comments to: Craig Putchat, Park Manager, Spring Meadow Lake State Park, POB 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

For questions about the draft EA and/or the public comment process, contact Craig Putchat, Park Manager, Spring Meadow Lake State Park (406) 495-3270 or [cputchat@mt.gov](mailto:cputchat@mt.gov).

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