

**MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND  
RECREATION PROJECT  
APPLICATION FORM FY2019**

Project Name: ADA & ABA Compliant Ramp at Devil's Elbow Administrative Site

Reservoir or River Segment: Hauser Reservoir County(ies): Lewis and Clark

Site Name (or legal location if no site name): Devil's Elbow Recreation Area

Applicant Name and Agency Bureau of Land Management-Kelly Scarbrough

Position (if applicable) Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner

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Project Sponsor:

A Project Sponsor is required in order to submit an application to the River Fund. Project sponsors serve as active members of Missouri-Madison Regional Working Groups, and include representatives of the U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; local government; Madison, Gallatin, Broadwater, Chouteau, Lewis and Clark, or Cascade Counties; NorthWestern Energy and the Bureau of Reclamation. Visit [www.missourimadison.com](http://www.missourimadison.com) for a list of current Regional Working Group members.

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Complete the financial section below by providing total project cost, contributions by applicant and cooperators, request for NorthWestern Energy match of agency funds (see detail on page 2 of this application), and River Fund Grant request. Document in-kind contributions by public agencies for determination of NorthWestern Energy match request. A description of funding sources and in-kind contributions should be included in the Project Description.

Financial Support

Total Project Cost:	\$ <u>30,000</u>
Applicant Contributions:	\$ <u>15,000</u>
Other Contributions - Please list by source:	
_____	\$ _____
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NorthWestern Energy Match Request:	\$ <u>7,500</u>
River Fund Grant Request:	\$ <u>7,500</u>
Proposed Project Implementation Period:	<u>Spring 2019</u>

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1. Has this project been previously submitted for funding consideration by the River Fund Board, either as a separate project or part of another project?   \_\_\_ Yes    X No
  
2. Is the proposed project at one of the Project 2188 license sites identified in the Missouri-Madison MOU and listed on page A2-2 of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan?   X Yes  
      \_\_\_ No

3. **Project Description:**

This project involves replacing the current ABA (Architectural Barriers Act) walkway/ramp that accesses of the office of the Administrative building at Devil’s Elbow. It is in need of replacement, because it is in poor condition and there is now an unsafe condition since it is pulling away from the building.

Based on the annual visitor count data, the site is accessed by visitor groups roughly 12,000 times each summer season. Unpublished data from the 2014 Visitor Survey report that 15% of visitor groups to Devil’s Elbow include at least one person with sort of a disability, which is about 1,800 visitor. Devil’s Elbow Campground does have 1 paved ADA-designated campsite with the remaining campsites graveled.

4. **Cultural Resource Management:**

The same footprint will be followed in this project. Thus, no new land disturbance is involved in this project.

**Scoring Criteria**

**5.1 Project is for operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site or an existing Project 2188 license site. Describe how the project would support O&M needs at an existing recreation site that are over and above day-to-day site maintenance. Needs may include measures to open a site for public use as well as minor repair; facility upgrade, reconstruction, and replacement; and major site rehabilitation.**

The project will repair the current ramp access to the Devil’s Elbow office. The repair will improve the access by replacing the entire ramp. Currently, the ramp is pulling away from the building with excess weight on it. The ramp was originally constructed with wooden materials underneath and an overlay of concrete on top of the wood materials. The entire ramp will be removed and replaced with wooden materials and reinforced footings, but the concrete overlay will not occur.

**5.2 Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations. Identify project partners other than NorthWestern Energy or River Fund, if any, and describe their participation. Document all funding sources and all in-kind support and services to a project, because all are sources of partnerships and in-kind contributions from public agencies qualify for calculation of NorthWestern Energy matching funds. If there are no project partners, explain why.**

There are no project partners. However, the BLM Butte Field Office submitted a fund request during the spring of 2018 and received \$15,000 from the accessibility BLM fund. In order to complete the project, the BLM needs an additional \$15,000 from the river fund.

**5.3 Project provides a benefit to public recreation in the Project Area and addresses specific issues and goals of the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP).**

**Identify how the project provides a benefit to public recreation. Describe how specific issues and goals in Chapter 2-1 of the CRP would be supported.**

This project addresses the need “to provide safe and well-managed recreation sites...that provide enjoyable user experiences across a spectrum of opportunities and seasons” by providing a safe ramp for the public to use while providing universal accessibility. Without the ramp, disabled individuals that cannot use stairs will be excluded from entering the office. With the repaired ramp, we will be able to “continue to improve and expand recreation opportunities that offer universal accessibility”.

**5.4 Project responds to a clearly identified need. Describe and document the need for this project and how the project would address that need. Cite specific sources, as possible, to establish need and support the project. Discuss consequences if the funding request is unsuccessful. For a new construction or acquisition project, identify how post-project, long-term costs (such as site maintenance and management) will be provided.**

The office is the location where the public purchases passes and it is a known location to find staff to ask questions. The office should be accessible for all and a re-constructed ramp would allow access for all. The other alternative of removing the entire ramp for safety purposes, would then exclude disabled individuals from entering the office. The long-term costs would include the upkeep of staining the wood on the ramp.

**5.5 Project design options have been considered, estimated, and a preferred design selected. Well-designed projects reduce occurrences of budgetary overages, design changes, and additional complications. Discuss the current design phase for this project and include cost estimates.**

Multiple designs have been considered by the engineering staff. Options included different materials for the ramp to replacing the entire ramp, decking and railing. The final project design replaces the ramp, railing and a portion of the cement sidewalk leading up to the ramp.

**DEVIL’S ELBOW DECK RAMP REPLACEMENT & RAILING**

Item	Pay Item	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Amount
1	MT-061533	Decking/Cement	1	\$15,000	\$15,000
2	MT-064300	Railing	1	\$15,000	\$15,000

**TOTAL BID (All or None) \$ 30,000**

**5.6 Project supports or protects other resources and is consistent with or supports resource plans in the Project Area. In addition to project-related benefits under #3 above, describe how this project will protect resource values (such as public access, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, habitats, and cultural resources) and support other resource plans, including Project 2188 License plans and land use and land management plans in place in the Corridor.**

The office contains informational materials, life jackets and other resources available to the public that enhances the protection and experience of the resources. Along with the materials, on-site staff are available at the administrative building to answer questions. Not having a ramp prevents disabled individuals from accessing the available information and staff.

Attach map(s) showing the location of the proposed project, drawings and design work related to the project, and photos (as available) at the end of the application.

Drawings and design work attached is in the draft stage.

