

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

Project Name: Missouri Headwaters Dug Out Canoe display

Reservoir or River Segment: Missouri River below Madison Reservoir County: Gallatin

Site Name (or legal location if no site name): Missouri Headwaters State Park

Applicant Name and Agency: David Andrus

Position (if applicable): Park Manager

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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 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.

| | <u>Financial Support</u> |
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| Total Project Cost: | \$ <u>10,900</u> |
| Applicant Contributions: | \$ <u>1,200</u> |
| Other Contributions - Please list by source: | |
| <u>Dr. Bill Bevis research work in-kind.</u> | \$ <u>700</u> |
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| NorthWestern Energy Match Request: | \$ <u>300</u> |
| River Fund Grant Request: | \$ <u>8,700</u> |
| Proposed Project Implementation Period: | FY19 |

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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

If yes, please identify which years the application was submitted and, if the project was previously funded, list the amount funded by year.

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? ___Yes __X__ No

3. **Project Description:**

Due to its rich history, Missouri Headwaters State Park is a National Historic Landmark. In 1976, for our national Bicentennial, Missouri Headwaters was designated as Montana's Bicentennial Site. One of the more significant historic events in our nation's history that took place at this site was the passing through of the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1805 and 1806.

The expedition used large dug out canoes to transport their gear and supplies. From the journals kept by various members of the party we have noted four large canoes made it up river and passed through the Headwaters and were cached up at Camp Fortunate at the Headwaters of the Beaverhead River, under what is now Clark Canyon Reservoir. Two of the canoes were 33 feet long and weighed 2½ tons fully loaded. The other two canoes were 20 foot long.

We are requesting funds from the Missouri-Madison River Fund to acquire, set up and display a replica of a 33-foot-long dugout canoe, similar to ones used by the Corps of Discovery. Currently the dug-out canoe is on temporary loan and sitting on a transport trailer. It is our desire to permanently acquire this artifact and set it up on a stationary base with appropriate signage interpreting the use of these early watercraft on the rivers in the area.



33-foot-long dugout canoe on transport trailer at possible display site location.

4. **Cultural Resource Management:**

Montana State Parks has an on-staff cultural resources specialist, Dr. Sara Scott, who will conduct a cultural resources assessment for this project prior to any permanent placement of this display. We will also be consulting with our design and Construction staff regarding any required permits and the final location of the placement of the display.

Scoring Criteria

5.1 Project is for operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site or an existing Project 2188 license site.

This proposed project will provide a unique cultural display giving our visitors a glimpse of a type of water craft early travelers to this region used to navigate the rivers. Missouri Headwaters State Park offers a wide range of recreational activities from camping, boating, hiking, wildlife viewing along with displays and interpretation of its rich history.

5.2 Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations

The current caretaker of this dugout canoe, Dr. Bill Bevis, is a retired English professor from the University of Montana. He has agreed to research the Lewis and Clark expedition journals for references of the dug-out canoes regarding their passing through the Headwaters. From this research, he will assist with the development of the wording and information to be placed on the interpretive panels which will be part of this display. His efforts will be in-kind services.

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).

Goal: Continue to improve and expand recreation opportunities that offer universal accessibility. This project would diversify recreational opportunities along the river corridor by providing a cultural/historical type of experience apart from the typical water/river based recreational experience found in this area. Location of this display will be moderately handicap accessible, near our park office and fully visible for visitors from their vehicle.

5.4 Project responds to a clearly identified need. Missouri Headwaters State Park is a major stop along the Lewis and Clark trail. Many visitors each year stop in to see where the “Corps of Discovery” came through on their journey to the Pacific and the following year on their return journey. Sacagawea the young Native American woman traveling with the expedition as a child was kidnapped from this very area and recognized it when she returned with the Corps. This large dugout canoe replica will provide our visitors a tool to better visualize the day to day struggles the Corps of Discovery faced. Since the canoe has come to the Headwaters on loan, it has generated a great deal of interest and comment from our visitors.

If this funding request is not successful, we may be forced to return the canoe to its owners, denying our visitors a unique historical display.

Maintenance of this display will involve oiling of the wood with preservative to protect it. We currently oil all our wooden picnic tables every year. The oiling of the canoe would be incorporated with this current task.

5.5 Project design options have been considered, estimated, and a preferred design selected.

Given the limited scope of this project other design options have not been pursued. Prior to final placement of the display, consultation will be acquired from both our cultural resource specialist and our in-house landscape design professional.

Acquisition costs for this project are \$4,000-\$5,000 dollars.

Graphic artist and interpretation costs for signs are about \$3,000.

Canoe and sign mounting materials are \$1,000.

In-house costs include landscaping and cultural consultation, in-house fabrication and installation of display and sign for a cost of \$1,200.

Additional historical research and interpretation development is being provided by a collaborative partner for a projected in-kind cost of \$700.

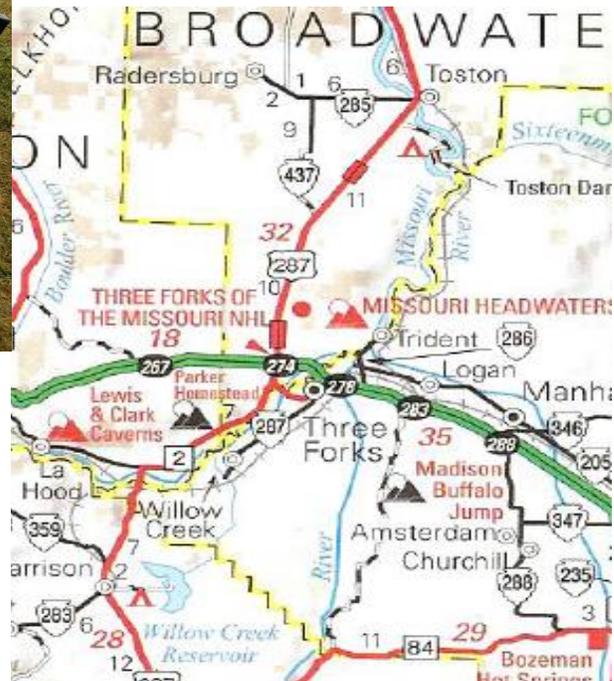
Total project cost of \$10,900.

5.6 Project supports or protects other resources and is consistent with or supports resource plans in the Project Area. This project will enhance our ability to share the Lewis and Clark story with the many visitors who come to the Headwaters. One of the stated objectives of Montana State Parks is to provide an economic benefit to our local communities. The town of Three Forks economically benefits from visitors to the Headwaters. Any additional days visitors may spend in an area only helps the local economy.

Well maintained, interesting recreational sites promote interest and foster a constituency who help to maintain and preserve these sites by becoming advocates, who take pride and advocate for the preservation and protection of our natural and cultural resources. One of our many tasks resource managers are tasked with, is to continue to provide new and interesting recreational and cultural opportunities to keep our visitors engaged. This project will provide a new and interesting display for our visitors to learn about the fascinating history of this special place.



Cargo area of dug out canoe.



Location of Missouri Headwaters State Park

Map of Missouri Headwaters State Park with proposed location of Dugout canoe.

