

### **Part C. Environmental Overview**

The Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) must be satisfied by the sponsor and land management agency involved in the project whether that project is on federal, state, county, city or private land. The official Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks MEPA NEPA Checklist is the required format for satisfying MEPA and NEPA for the Recreational Trails Program. The following types of projects are exempted from completion of the FWP MEPA NEPA Checklist: ethics or safety education brochures, and portable exhibits and displays.

**Note:** Dated MEPA NEPA Checklists and biological review forms are good for two years. If the proposed project is exactly the same as last year's (no variations), the MEPA NEPA Checklist and biological review forms from last year may be used with this application.

### **Part D. Noxious Weed Plan**

Please attach a noxious weed plan. Refer to grant application guidelines for details. No weed plan is needed for ethics or safety education brochures, and portable exhibits and displays.

### **Part E. Wildlife And Fisheries Review**

Provide a copy of the Wildlife and Fisheries Review Form signed by federal or state wildlife and fisheries biologists or professional consulting biologists. Have your project description, maps, and other information with you at your meeting with the biologists. We strongly encourage grant applicants to have materials submitted to biologists by May 15, 2011. The reviewing biologist must date and sign the pertinent review form within 2 years of the project application deadline. Review forms with dates older than two years are not considered valid for the purposes of this grants program. Only the following types of projects are exempted from completion of these review forms: ethics or safety education brochures and portable exhibits and displays.

### **Part F. Public Comment**

Sponsors should pay special attention to the public comment requirements since they have changed for the 2012 grant cycle. Please note that grant applicants are no longer required to post a legal notice initiating a 30-day public comment period to apply for an RTP grant. Public involvement required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act will be satisfied by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. FWP will initiate a programmatic public involvement process after all grant applications are reviewed and tentatively approved.

### **Signatures**

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Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date