



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Butte Field Office  
106 North Parkmont  
Butte, Montana 59701-9701  
[www.blm.gov/mt](http://www.blm.gov/mt)

In Reply Refer To:

2920(MTB070)  
MTM-10858

December 14, 2015

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office is pleased to announce the availability of the draft environmental assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public review and comment pertaining to an application received from Back Door Mountain LLC (BDM) to renew and amend the Holter Lake Lodge occupancy lease, MTM-10858. The subject lease area is adjacent Holter Lake, north of Helena, Montana and includes approximately 3.9 acres of BLM-administered lands. The lease parcel is located in T. 14 N., R. 3 W, section 4, lot 6.

The Draft EA analysis reviews the proposed action to renew the commercial occupancy lease and amend the authorized uses in support of the Holter Lake Lodge subdivision development instead of the lodge and bar/restaurant. The multi-unit development would be located on the site of the Holter Lake Lodge private business adjacent BLM land. The BLM occupancy lease would continue to authorize a parking lot, boat dock, boat slips, boat launching ramp, and the access road, but a public water supply system would be added and a state approved storm drainage detention system to protect the lake is also proposed.

The public comment period for the EA and FONSI will be 30 days, **beginning December 14, 2015 and ending January 12, 2016**. The Draft EA and unsigned FONSI are available for public review at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701 or on the web using eplanning at <http://blm.gov/skmd>

The BLM will consider all substantive comments received during the public comment period. A substantive comment requests clarification or more discussion, gives new information, questions analytical techniques, or suggest new alternatives. Comments that simply express a preference are not considered substantive.

Comments and questions may be directed to: Michael Wyatt, Realty Specialist, [mwyatt@blm.gov](mailto:mwyatt@blm.gov); BLM Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701; phone (406) 533-7600; fax (406) 533-7660.

Sincerely,

//SIGNED//  
Scott Haight  
Field Manager