

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE November 3, 2004

ITEM: Final Payment –Black Eagle Falls Trail CTEP Project - O.F. 1306.1

INITIATED BY: Trails Working Group

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize Final Payment

PREPARED BY: Sarah McCafferty, Planner I

APPROVED BY: Andrew Finch, Senior Planner

APPROVED AND PRESENTED BY: Benjamin Rangel, Planning Director

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RECOMMENDATION: Authorize final payment to Phillips Construction and the State Miscellaneous Tax Division for the Black Eagle Falls Trail CTEP Project.

MOTION: “I move the City Commission authorize final payment of \$10,136.51 to Phillips Construction, and \$102.39 to the State Miscellaneous Tax Division for the Black Eagle Falls Trail project.”

SYNOPSIS: This project entailed construction of an extension of the River’s Edge Trail from the 15th Street Bridge eastward to the graveled access road to the Black Eagle Dam powerhouse on the north shore of the Missouri River. Construction was performed by Phillips Construction; the City-County Planning Department performed project administration; project design and construction oversight was performed by Neil Consultants, Inc.

Payments to the contractor totaled \$204,778. This total is \$221 below the contracted amount due to differences between estimated and final quantities.

BACKGROUND:

This trail segment is one link in completing the connection between West Bank Park and PPL Montana lands along Black Eagle Dam Reservoir and at the island below Black Eagle Falls.

PPL Montana recently spent about \$400,000 to prepare Black Eagle Island and adjacent park areas for public use. The island and north shore of the Black Eagle Dam Reservoir have been closed to public access for over 100 years, when the first days of hydropower and metals processing began. PPL Montana has developed the Black Eagle Island as a day use area in conjunction with its FERC 2188 operating license. Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (Region 4) will manage the day use area. However, the area will not open until access issues are resolved.

Two additional trail segments will be constructed between the east end of the Black Eagle Trail project and Black Eagle Island by PPL Montana and Recreational Trails, Inc., using a National Recreational Trails Act (NRTA) Grant. Those projects are expected to be completed later this year. Finally, the trail segment to the west of the Black Eagle Falls trail segment, between the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the 15th Street Bridge, is currently under construction and slated for completion later this fall.

When all of these segments are completed, trail users will be able to travel along the entire length of the north shore of the River from the Central Avenue West Bridge to Black Eagle Island.

Attachment: Application for Payment No. 4 - Final

cc: Doug Wicks, Recreational Trails, Inc.; Jeff Anderson, Phillips Construction Company