

August 31, 2012

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**RE: FY2013 319 Project Proposal: Upper Little Blackfoot River-Metals Restoration Strategy**

Dear Trout Unlimited,

Thank you for submitting your 2013 Clean Water Act Section 319 grant project proposal entitled "Upper Little Blackfoot River-Metals Restoration Strategy" on behalf of Trout Unlimited. This year we received 21 project proposals with a total request of about \$1,229,300; we anticipate being able to award about \$9000,000 in 319 funds, therefore the competition for 2013 project funding will be high.

Attached are comments that DEQ is providing for your consideration in preparing your final application. These comments are meant to provide you with the technical advisory reviewers and DEQ's perspectives in hopes of helping you develop a successful grant application.

I recommend you contact and work closely with the Technical Coordinator listed below in developing a final grant application. The technical coordinator is your primary DEQ contact throughout this application process.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Email</b>
Elena Evans	Technical Coordinator	406-444-0531	eevans2@mt.gov

As a reminder, the final application needs to be e-mailed and a signed hard copy must be post-marked to me no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2012. The Agency Review Panel will be meeting Tuesday, October 23, 2012 in Helena to review final applications; applicants should plan on attending the meeting to present and answer questions regarding applications. Additional details to follow.

Again, thank you for your project proposal submission and I hope your project is successful.

Sincerely,

Robert Ray, Manager  
Watershed Protection Section  
Water Quality Planning Bureau

Encl: Technical Review Comments  
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## **Comments for FY2013, 319 Project Proposal**

**Category:** Watershed Restoration  
**Sponsor:** Trout Unlimited  
**Title:** Upper Little Blackfoot River-Metals restoration Strategy  
**319 Request:** \$20,000

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### *General Comments*

- 319 funding is competitive this year. Please be thoughtful in your request for funds.
- Please ensure that your project relates to the goals and furthers the action plan of the 2012 NPS Management Plan.
- Please take the time to proofread the final application and ensure that it is consistent, free of errors and reads clearly.
- Please ensure that all the information in Section 1 of the Final Application is completed. This includes Project Location, Functional Category, Pollution Categories and relative Percents, Administrative Fee, Open Contracts (do not include mini-grants) and associated information.
- Please ensure timelines are included in the final application and that they are consistent with 319 funding, which will be available July 1, 2013.
- Please make sure that you include an Education and Outreach task and activities. The 319 funding request for E&O activities must be limited to no more than 10% of the total 319 funds request, however local match associated with E&O activities can exceed the 10% cap.
- Please ensure that a task is included to administer this contract. This task should include status reports, annual reports and a final report as well as appropriate billing and contract management. The 319 request for administrative activities must not exceed 10% of the total 319 funds request; however local match associated with administrative activities can exceed the 10% cap.
- Please ensure that you include a monitoring component for your project. For watershed restoration projects, monitoring is generally related to on-the-ground activities and relates to the impairment listings. For education & outreach monitoring is generally more of an evaluation of the project and how effective it was at achieving the desired outcomes.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions please call your technical coordinator well before October 1, 2012.

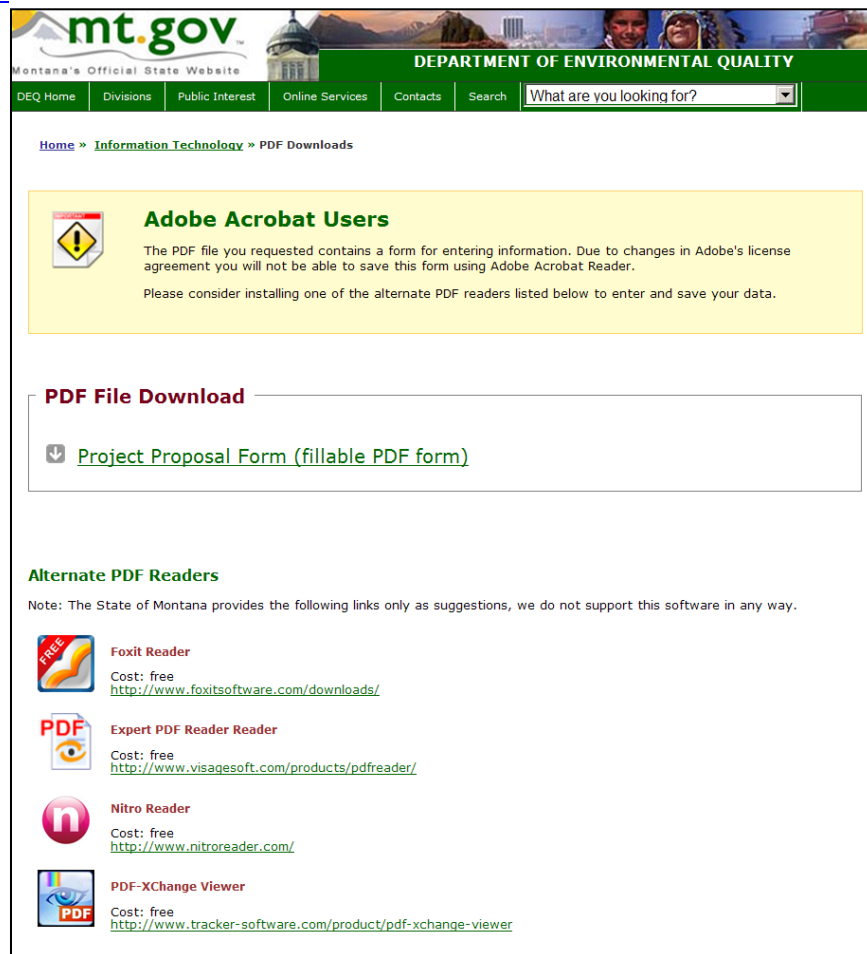
### *Other Comments*

- Ensure Non-Federal Match amount is included if 319 funds are not being used for tasks.
- Consider viability of one year project goal.
- Include how this will (or will not) be integrated into a WRP and why.
- Please identify all of your match sources in the final application.
- The proposed monitoring is likely to require development of a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), as opposed to simply describing the monitoring within the task description.
- The monitoring task does not have any money attached to it. WAWG reviewers suggested that there should be some funding allocated towards this, even if it is simply in-kind match.

To: 319 Grant Applicants  
From: MT DEQ (Stephanie Crider)  
Date: August 17, 2012  
Subject: Change in Grant Application PDF Reader

Recently, Adobe Acrobat changed its licensing agreement resulting in the immediate change of format for any editable PDF files created by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The result of this is still an editable PDF file for the Final 319 Grant Application, however, it will likely need to be opened and edited in a different PDF reader.

When you go to the DEQ website to download the final application you will be directed to a page detailing this change (see below). There are several options for free PDF readers; Foxit Reader is very similar to Adobe Acrobat, and quite user friendly. If you have any questions regarding the format of the application and how to use a different reader, please direct them to me, Stephanie Crider, at [scrider@mt.gov](mailto:scrider@mt.gov) or 406-444-2478.



The screenshot shows the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website. The header includes the "mt.gov" logo and the text "Montana's Official State Website". The navigation bar lists "DEQ Home", "Divisions", "Public Interest", "Online Services", "Contacts", and "Search". A search box contains the text "What are you looking for?". The breadcrumb trail reads "Home » Information Technology » PDF Downloads".

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