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TO: Henry Worsech, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
FROM: Seeley Lake Community Council  
SUBJECT: Clearwater Junction RV Disposal Station

For the last 2 years, the FWP RV Dump station at Clearwater Junction has been closed, and that has created a series of issues that the Seeley Lake Community has been dealing with. As you may or may not know, there are 5 taxpayer owned campgrounds from the Clearwater River campground to Cooper and Browns Lake on Mt 200. There are 19 improved and unimproved taxpayer facilities from Harpers Lake at the 1.2 mile marker on Mt 83, North to Holland Lake, also on Mt 83 at the 35.4 mile marker. Together these campgrounds have more than 350 cumulative camp spots.

The Covid pandemic has dramatically increased the camper usage in our valley over the last 2 years, so if there is a flat spot along a road there is a camper in it.

The Clearwater Junction RV dump was built on the assumption that it would take care of the self-contained campers, due to the higher use our area was going to receive when the Salmon Lake, Clearwater River, and Placid Lake campgrounds were completed and put into use. While no one could envision what happened when the Covid pandemic came along, it is causing very serious health issues to our community.

The RV Dump being closed at the junction has caused real issues for the only RV Dump in the Community, which is at Lindey's in Seeley Lake. The second issue is there are Campers that open the drains on their vehicle holding tanks and then drive off, spreading the tank contents along the road edge.

That brings us to the point that this activity just can't be allowed to continue.

With the Montana Department of Transportation Rest Area at Clearwater Junction septic system functioning quite well, and the RV Dump Station being built the same way, one would think that the addition of more or larger holding tanks would fix the problem that your Campground Managers say is happening.

Lindey's has 3 holding tanks and their system seems to work fine.



We understand that there is adequate grant money available for repair or replacement of water and septic facilities. The Seeley Lake Community Council, on behalf of the residents and businesses in our area, are requesting that the Clearwater Junction RV dump station be repaired and put back into use.

Thank You for your prompt handling of this issue ahead of what will be another extremely busy RV season in 2022.

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