

Public Comment on Implementing a boat launch fee and raising the campsite fee at the Silos Recreation Area.

The Broadwater County Commission is accepting public comment on the implementation of a \$5.00 daily boat launch fee, or a \$50.00 seasonal boat launch pass for the Silos Recreation Area.

The Broadwater Bay boat launch and parking lot project has been completed. You will notice it has been rebuilt and treated with stay-dust. This was financed by the Broadwater County Trust Board. The launch fees will help to pay for on-going repair, maintenance, and recreation-related improvements.

Current boat launch fees around Canyon Ferry Reservoir start at \$10.00 daily boat launch fee and \$50.00 or \$100.00 seasonal fee depending on which Marina is used.

A Master Plan for the Silos Recreation Area is currently under development to determine how to best utilize this area and provide all the recreation activities citizens have requested. In working with the BOR, we have provided new picnic tables, campfire rings and parking bumpers. Gazebos around the recreation area were repaired and repainted. A partnership between numerous community groups, JSJ Inc, BCDC and the Trust Board installed additional boat docks and complimentary courtesy docks. To help realize further improvements, it is also proposed the current daily campsite fee be raised \$2, from \$10.00/night to \$12.00/night.

Daily camping fees around Canyon Ferry Reservoir are between \$10.00/night and \$15/night and increase depending on campsite amenities.

The comment period will run from April 27th to May 18th. A public hearing is planned for Monday, May 18th, 2020 at 10:15am (barring further issues with COVID-19). Further details will be announced on the upcoming Commissioners Meeting Agenda.

Written comments can be sent to Broadwater County Commissioners at 515 Broadway, Townsend MT. 59644. Email comments can be sent to commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us