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**COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS MATCHING GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED:  
BONNER, EAST MISSOULA, FRENCHTOWN, LOLO, ORCHARD HOMES, POTOMAC, AND SEELEY  
LAKE TO RECEIVE FUNDING**

Missoula, Montana – In the spring 2013 grant cycle, the Missoula County Parks and Trails Advisory Board awarded \$42,250 in matching grants to support a wide variety of projects throughout the county.

The funds will go toward site improvements including a fresh coat of paint on the big red barn at the Hellgate Lions Club Park in Bonner; maintaining the park grounds in East Missoula Lions Club Park; resurfacing Frenchtown High School's track; an irrigation project at Lolo Peak Little League and Community Center; fence improvements at the Fort Missoula Regional Park; Phase II of improvements at the Potomac Community Recreation Complex; and a needed shed addition to allow the public to check out ice skates and hockey equipment at Clearwater Park for the Seeley Lake Lions Club.

Alicia Vanderheiden, a Potomac resident, appreciates the grant award. "Support from the Missoula County Parks and Trails Advisory Board is helping us meet our goal of developing a multi-purpose, outdoor recreation center on a 5-acre parcel of land. A fully developed site will be a true asset to our small, rural community, providing for a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. It's a great investment in our future."

The Missoula County Parks and Trails Board awards matching grants during the spring and fall of each year. Funds are available for capital improvements and maintenance projects on county parks, trails, and recreation sites. The Board focuses their funding on county sites located outside the Missoula city limits. Awards are granted on a 1:1 matching basis, essentially splitting the total cost of a project up to the award amount. If you are interested in improving a park in your area, please apply for funds in the fall.

To receive email alerts for the grant application deadlines email [cdascenzo@co.missoula.mt.us](mailto:cdascenzo@co.missoula.mt.us). For more information on the matching grant program, visit the Missoula County Parks and Trails website at [www.co.missoula.mt.us/rural/Parks/MatchingGrants.htm](http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/rural/Parks/MatchingGrants.htm) or contact Christine Dascenzo, Program Assistant with Missoula County Parks and Trails, at 258-3458 or [cdascenzo@co.missoula.mt.us](mailto:cdascenzo@co.missoula.mt.us).

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