

## **Project Summary**

### **Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

**Project Title:** Decision Identification for Fish and Wildlife Management

**Discipline:** Natural  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance  
**Funding Agency:** USGS  
**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Montana State University  
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**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** This project seeks to explore the ability to identify decisions of fish and wildlife field managers that have a nexus and need for climate information. There is also a need to examine how those decisions are made. The results of this work will be used to provide input into a companion effort, to define, develop, and implement computational methods for scenario analysis that will aid fish and wildlife managers to integrate climate information into their decision making activities.

The research objective of this project is to work with the region's land managers to identify (1) types of decisions with which they are faced, (2) processes utilized in making decisions, and (3) climate and other science information needed. The purpose is to build a bridge between climate science research and land manager needs.

**Outcomes with completions dates:** August 31, 2017

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