



The Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM) is extremely excited to announce that we have generously received a \$30,000 grant from the International Game Fish Association's (IGFA) Worldwide Anglers Relief Fund (WARF) to help the affected guides and outfitters recover from the recent devastating floods throughout southcentral Montana. We are thankful for WARF's ability to financially assist members of the guiding and outfitting community suffering from the effects of the recent flooding to specifically aid individuals and small businesses directly affected by the southcentral Montana flooding. Funds will be distributed through FOAM's Montana Fishing Outfitters Conservation Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Founded in 1939, the IGFA is a nonprofit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rulemaking, record keeping and recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of angling. The IGFA also maintains world records in freshwater, saltwater, fly fishing and junior angler categories. The IGFA has members in more than 100 countries.

To address the impacts of devastating natural disasters and be prepared to respond to future catastrophes, the IGFA created the Worldwide Anglers Relief Fund (WARF) in 2017 with its partners at Costa Sunglasses. To date, the WARF has disbursed a total of \$140,000 to recreational angling associations in the Florida Keys, Texas, Puerto Rico, the Florida Panhandle, The Bahamas, and Belize to help local captains and guides recover from natural disasters.

- 100% of donation received from the IGFA WARF will be distributed to guides and outfitters directly affected by the recent flooding in the Stillwater and Yellowstone basins.
- The distribution of funds will be managed and directed by FOAM's staff and board of directors that are directly engaged in guiding and outfitting industry across Montana.
- Priority will be given to those guide and outfitter individuals that are the life blood of the fishing community.
- An example of recovery request would be lost revenue from cancelled trips.
- With the limited IGFA's WARF program funding, FOAM may only partially fulfil a funding request.

If you were affected by the flooding across southcentral Montana during June of this year and are in need of assistance, please complete the FOAM APPLICATION FOR FLOOD RECOVERY ASSISTANCE and return it to mike@foam-mt.org or mail it to FOAM RECOVERY ASSISTANCE, c/o FOAM, PO Box 485, Twin Bridges, MT 59754. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 SEPTEMBER 2022.**

FOAM APPLICATION FOR FLOOD RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

Full Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Other contact info if needed: _____

Occupation (outfitter/guide): _____ Current employer/outfitter: _____

SSN or EIN for person entity applying for assistance: _____

Please provide a reference and your affiliation to the fishing industry:

Reference Name: _____ Reference Phone Number: _____

Reference Affiliation: _____

Are you a FOAM member (Yes/No)? _____

Briefly tell us about your losses from recent flooding:

What is your estimate of the value of your losses? _____

Are any of your losses insured? If yes, briefly explain what was covered? _____

What is your current job status? _____

What is your most pressing need at this time? _____

Amount of funding request? _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Print name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Completed applications may be emailed to:

mike@foam-mt.org, or mailed to:

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If you need additional assistance completing and returning the application, please call 406-925-2276

Additional information may be found online at www.foam-mt.org/flood-recovery/

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