Pier Proposed at Crystal Lake

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CRYSTAL LAKE - The popular fishing area south of Ouray on the way to Red Mountain Pass may get a fishing pier accessible to disabled anglers. Discussed in the project is a U.S. Forest Service fisheries biologist Matt Dar, who works out of the Gunnison National Forest district headquarters in Delta, said that the proposed lake drainage provides the perfect opportunity to build a pier there, designed to be ADA-compliant fishing piers.

Now, he is the first to plead to disabled anglers:

"It's a great fishing spot. It's got a lot of potential," he said. "This is great for fishing." Dar said that the proposal is under consideration by the Bureau of Land Management. He is confident that the project will be on track for completion by 2022.

The project is funded through the State Wildlife Grant program, and it is expected to be completed within the next two years. The cost estimate for the project is around $30,000. Dar said that he is working closely with the local community to ensure that the project meets their needs.

"We're trying to make sure that the project is accessible to everyone," he said. "We're looking at a range of options to make sure that the pier is accessible to anglers with disabilities."