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Dear Citizen:

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed West Side Reservoir Post-Fire Project on the Hungry Horse and Spotted Bear Ranger Districts is now available. We have enclosed the version of the DEIS that you requested; either the complete DEIS, the summary of the DEIS, and/or a CD version. We invite you to comment on this draft document by **October 6, 2004** to help us formulate a Final Environmental Impact Statement. We anticipate the FEIS and the Record of Decision will be completed this winter.

To expedite the removal of merchantable wood products, the Responsible Official for this project will be submitting a request to the Regional Forester asking her to determine that an emergency situation exists in the fire areas. If this determination is made, certain timber salvage activities would not be subject to stay on appeal, and sale advertisement and award could commence immediately following approval of the Record of Decision.

The Flathead National Forest will host an Open House on Wednesday, September 22 at the Tally Lake Ranger Station (1335 Highway 93 West, Whitefish, MT) to present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the West Side Reservoir Post-Fire Project. Resource specialists will be available from 3 to 8 p.m. to explain the alternatives. The office is located on the south side of Highway 93 West across from the golf course and a half mile west of Grouse Mountain Resort.

Please send us your comments by faxing or writing Project Leader Bryan Donner. His office number and voice mail is (406) 863-5408; the office address and fax number are listed at the top of this page. Electronic comments may be submitted to: comments-northern-flathead-tally-lake@fs.fed.us. For electronically submitted comments, acceptable formats are MS Word, Word Perfect, or RTF. You may also contact Bryan if you have any questions regarding the DEIS or the NEPA process.

Thank you for your interest in this project.


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