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Public Invited to Collaborative Meeting on the Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuels Reduction Project

KALISPELL, MT., February 1, 2016 – The Tally Lake Ranger District invites the community to participate in a collaborative meeting about the Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuels Reduction Project, on Monday, February 8th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Tally Lake Ranger District and Supervisor's Office, 650 Wolfpack Way in Kalispell. Project resource specialists will present details on the draft project and gather input from meeting attendees on proposed project activities.

The project is located in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) approximately four miles north and east of Whitefish, within the municipal watershed and adjacent to Whitefish Mountain Resort. Proposed activities include timber harvest on approximately 260 acres of forestlands and fuel treatments, primarily prescribed burning, on approximately 880 acres.

Lands within the proposed project area were designated by Governor Bullock in 2014 as a priority landscape under Section 602 of the Farm Bill. Section 602 also provides authority to implement projects using the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA).

For further information about the project and open house, visit www.fs.usda.gov/projects/flathead/ or contact Planning Team leader, Deb Bond at 406/758-5204.

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