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## Tally Lake Ranger District Seeks Public Comments for the Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuel Reduction Project

**KALISPELL, MT –May 17, 2016** – The Tally Lake Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest is seeking public input on the proposed Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuel Reduction Project, located northeast of Whitefish, Montana. Conditions in the project area indicate a need to increase forest resilience to insect infestation and disease infection, improve the chance of successful initial/extended response if a wildfire occurs to reduce the risk and severity of large scale stand-replacing fires and to protect municipal watershed outtakes in Second and Third Creeks from potential wildfire effects. The project is being developed in collaboration with interested community members.

The Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuel Reduction Project will be completed using the authority of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA), Public Law 108-48, as amended by the 2014 Farm Bill, Section 8204. To learn more about the Farm Bill visit, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r1/forest-grasslandhealth/insects-diseases>.

Projects authorized under the HFRA are subject to the Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process (referred to as the “objection process”). Objections will only be accepted from those who have submitted written comments specific to the proposed project during this scoping/public comment opportunity.

The Tally Lake Ranger District is accepting your comments about this proposed action. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments will be accepted until June 17, 2016. Comments can be mailed to 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, attention Deb Bond, or email comments to, [comments-northern-flathead-tally-lake@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-flathead-tally-lake@fs.fed.us) and include “Whitefish Municipal Watershed Fuel Reduction” in the subject line. For more information about the project, visit, [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/flathead/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/flathead/landmanagement/projects), or contact Project Leader, Deb Bond at 406-758-5204.

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