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The signed Record of Decision for the Flathead National Forest Land Management Plan and associated final environmental impact statement is now available. The forest plan and environmental impact statement were published on November 23, 2018. The Notice of Plan Approval of the land management plan published in the Federal Register on December 27, 2018. The land management plan went into effect 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Plan Approval.

The Forest Service has concurrently amended the land management plans of the Helena, Lewis and Clark, Kootenai, and Lolo National Forests to incorporate habitat management direction for the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem grizzly bear population. The Flathead National Forest is incorporating the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem grizzly bear habitat management direction as land management plan direction. A separate Record of Decision was released for the amendments. The amendments became effective with publication of the Notice of Plan Approval in the Federal Register.

The signed Records of Decision, land management plan, and final environmental impact statement are available on the Forest's public website at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/fpr or for the amendments at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/gbamend. These documents reflect the extensive public participation that the Flathead National Forest facilitated over the past 4 years through collaborative working group meetings and other public input. We greatly appreciate the commitment of interested participants who've provided important contributions toward the development of the land management plan through their participation in the planning process.

If you would like more information or have questions related to the release of the signed Record of Decision, please contact Rob Carlin, Forest Staff Officer for Natural Resources, Planning, and Fire, at the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office, telephone 406-758-5322. Thank you for your continued interest in the management of your public lands.

Sincerely,

Chip Weber
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