

## Legal Notice

USDA Forest Service  
Superior National Forest  
Gunflint Ranger District  
Cook County, Minnesota  
Ham Lake Salvage Project

The Gunflint Ranger District, is preparing a Preliminary Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the Ham Lake Salvage Project. The project proposal is to salvage about 200 acres of trees killed in the Ham Lake fire. The proposed action description and other information are available for review at Gunflint Ranger District office, 2020 W. Highway 61, Grand Marais, MN 55604. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Peter Taylor, 218-387-3242, or email: [prtaylor@fs.fed.us](mailto:prtaylor@fs.fed.us).

This opportunity for comment on the project is for the initial scoping process and the official 30-day comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide an opportunity for you to participate in our planning process prior to a decision being made. Those who provide comments during the comment period are eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

### **How to Comment and Timeframe**

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Cook County Herald. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Written comments must be submitted to: Responsible Official, Dennis Neitzke, c/o USDA Forest Service, 2020 W. Highway 61, Grand Marais, MN 55604. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours in person or via telephone at 218-387-1750. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to [comments-eastern-superior-gunflint@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-superior-gunflint@fs.fed.us). Comments can be faxed to (218) 387-3246. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely comments will have eligibility to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215.

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