

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
USDA-Forest Service
Gallatin National Forest
Hebgen Lake Ranger District
Gallatin County, Montana

LONESOME WOOD VEGETATION MANAGEMENT 2 PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Lonesome Wood Vegetation Management 2 Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the wildland urban interface and evacuation route treatments along the west side of Hebgen Lake is available for public review and comment. The project is designed to increase firefighter and public safety and to reduce wildland fire risks to private and NFS improvements in the WUI, near West Yellowstone Montana. In addition, treatments would reinvigorate aspen forest. Primary treatments would include forest thinning and prescribed burning.

In accordance with 36 CFR 215, comments must be received by the close of the comment period which is 45 days from the publication of the Notice of Availability of the DEIS in the Federal Register. The Notice of Availability was published on September 23rd, 2011. The DEIS is available on line at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin> on the Projects and Plans page. To request a CD or paper copy, contact the Hebgen Lake Ranger District at (406) 823-6961. Additional information is available from the Project Leader, Teri Seth, or District Ranger, Cavan Fitzsimmons. The responsible official is Mary Erickson, Forest Supervisor for the Gallatin National Forest

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewers concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments establishes a reviewers ability to participate in the subsequent review or judicial review. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for the proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review. Specific requirements for individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible for appeal are included in 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments must be sent to: **Attn: Lonesome Wood 2, Bozeman Ranger District, 3710 Fallon St. Suite C, Bozeman, MT 59718.** Comments may also be submitted electronically to **comments-northern-gallatin@fs.fed.us** and must be in one of the following formats; MS Word, Word Perfect, or RTF. The subject line must contain the name "Lonesome Wood Vegetation Management 2 Project". For electronically mailed comments the sender should receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.