



## Flathead National Forest

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### **Decision Released on the Soldier Addition II Project**

Flathead National Forest, Forest Supervisor Chip Weber, recently approved the Soldier Addition II Project on the Spotted Bear Ranger District. The project would improve forest conditions in a 48,000 acre area through a variety of management actions. The Soldier Addition II Project is located to the southwest of the Hungry Horse Reservoir on the east side of Bruce Ridge. The project decision approves:

- harvest of approximately 1,128 acres of timber to improve long-term forest diversity and productivity and to enhance the safety of visitors to recreation areas,
- thinning of approximately 823 acres of saplings to improve tree growth and encourage species diversity and forest resilience,
- prescribed burning on 1,333 acres to sustain the role of fire in the natural ecosystem and help restore whitebark pine habitat,
- reduction of hazardous fuels on about one acre around the Stony Hill Electronic Site to protect the site from damage by future wildland fire.

A project environmental assessment was completed in July 2011. Both the environmental assessment and decision documents are available at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station or Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office. The documents are also available at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/projects). The decision is subject to administrative appeal. For more information contact Spotted Bear District Ranger Debbie Mucklow at 387-3800.

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