**No. 24678**

Request for Public Comment
USDA-Forest Service
Flathead National Forest
Hungry Horse - Glacier View Ranger District
Flathead County, Montana

The Environmental Assessment for the Hungry Lion Resource Management Project has been completed and is available for public review and comment. The Responsible Official for this project is Forest Supervisor Chip Weber. The document is available online at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50134 or contact Sarah Canepa, Project Team Leader, (406) 387-3800 or scanepa@fs.fed.us for a hard copy of the EA or additional information about the project. The project area is east of the Flathead River and north of the Hungry Horse Reservoir and includes lands near the communities of Hungry Horse, Martin City, and Coram. The project addresses multiple resource objectives including: improving forest health and diversity; reducing risk to firefighters and the public in the event of a wildfire; maintaining timber productivity on suitable lands; restoring hydrological process and aquatic habitat; and improving recreational opportunities and visitor safety at developed and dispersed recreation sites. The EA documents the environmental effects of four alternatives, including the no action alternative. The action alternatives evaluate the potential effects of varying degrees of tree harvesting, sapling thinning, prescribed burning, culvert removals/upsizes, construction of a fishing pier at South Lion Lake Day Use Area, and adding trails back to the forest trail system. A site specific forest plan amendment is proposed in Alternative 2/4 to conduct 30 days of culvert work in grizzly bear security core.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.25, comments on this proposed project will be accepted for 30 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of this legal notice in the Daily Inter Lake newspaper. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed project or activity during this or another public comment period established by the responsible official will be eligible to file an objection. Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3) and include name, postal address, title of the project and signature or other verification of identity upon request and the identity of the individual or entity who authored the comments. Individual members of an entity must submit their own individual comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Please address comments to District Ranger, Rob Davies, Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger District, P.O. Box 190340, Hungry Horse, MT 59919. To submit comments electronically, please send to comments-northern-flathead--hungry-horse--glacier-view@fs.fed.us with "Hungry Lion" in the subject line. Acceptable formats include MS Word, Word Perfect, RTF, or PDF. Oral comments can be provided at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station during normal business hours via telephone or in person. Normal business hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, excluding holidays. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of those commenting, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

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