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## Notice of Opportunity to Object Flint Foothills Vegetation Management Project

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**Forest Granite and Powell Counties, Montana** Melany Glossa, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor, is publishing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision (Draft ROD) for the Flint Foothills Vegetation Management Project. The FEIS analyzes two action alternatives; the preferred alternative, Alternative 2, would achieve project objectives through a mix of salvage logging dead and dying lodgepole pine, commercial thinning of ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir, prescribed fire in low and mid-elevation mixed conifer stands, and pre-commercial thinning of young stands to meet Forest Plan Objectives. The FEIS and Draft ROD are available online at [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33238](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=33238). These documents are also available for review at the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Supervisor's Office and the Pintler Ranger District Office in Philipsburg. Additional information can be obtained from Alex Dunn, BDNF Planning, 420 Barrett St, Dillon, MT 59725, or by calling him at 406-683-3864 or by email [adunn@fs.fed.us](mailto:adunn@fs.fed.us). The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the HFRA; therefore it is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. **How to File an Objection and Timeframe** The Flint Foothills Vegetation Management Project was originally scoped and comment periods provided under the provisions of 36 CFR 215. For this project, individuals or organizations who submitted specific, written comments in response to scoping conducted under 36 CFR 215 or provided comments to the draft or revised draft environmental impact statement will be considered to have standing to object under 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities. Objection Filing Information: Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, express delivery, or messenger service to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region; P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807; or FAX to (406) 329-3411; or email to [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us); or by hand-delivery (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays at USDA Forest Service, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT 59807). Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Montana Standard. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections

are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. At a minimum an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; and 5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6) a statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection. June 22, 2015 **MNAXLP**