

**The following information has been mailed to all Hazard Reduction Agreement holders. This is also being posted here as an informational announcement for the general public.**

## **NOTICE OF HRA FEE INCREASE**

Our records indicate that you currently have an active or open Hazard Reduction Agreement (HRA). This notice is being sent to inform you of upcoming fee increases. HB 119 was signed into law by Governor Bullock in the 2019 Legislative session, resulting in increases to the Hazard Reduction Agreement (HRA) fee and the MSU Extension Forestry fee, which will increase beginning July 1, 2019. The fee increases are summarized below:

- Hazard Reduction Agreement (HRA) administrative fee is increasing from \$.60 to \$.85 per 1,000 board feet (MBF) of timber sold.
- MSU Extension Forestry fee is increasing from \$.15 to \$.30 per 1,000 board feet (MBF) of timber sold.
- The slash bond will remain unchanged at \$6.00 per 1,000 board feet (MBF) of timber sold.

The above changes will result in the amount withheld by forest products mills buying your logs to increase from \$6.75/MBF to \$7.15/MBF. If you are selling by the ton, the new withholding rate will be \$1.03/Ton. Piece counts will no longer be used for reporting. These new rates will start July 1, 2019 for all deliveries of wood products to any purchasing mill.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Service Forester or contact Roger Ziesak at (406)542-4338. A list of Service Foresters can be found on our website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance>. Thank you.