

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
December 18, 2017, at 9:00 am
Supreme Court Chambers, Joseph P. Mazurek Building
215 North Sanders, 4th floor
Helena, MT

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Members Present

Governor Steve Bullock
Attorney General Tim Fox
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Matthew Rosendale
Secretary of State Corey Stapleton
Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen

Members Absent

None

Testifying Staff

John Tubbs, DNRC Director
Elijah Allen, Montana Heritage Commission Director
Shawn Thomas, DNRC TLMD Administrator
Amy Gannon, DNRC Forest Pest Management Program Manager

Attachments

Related Materials, Attachment 1 – sign-in sheet
Related Materials, Attachment 2 – Montana Forest Insects and Diseases presentation

Call to Order

00:00:01 Governor Bullock called the meeting to order.
00:00:11 Attorney General Fox moved to approve the November 20, 2017, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

1217-1 Montana Heritage Commission: Johnson Land Donation

00:00:24 Mr. Tubbs
00:00:43 Mr. Allen gave an overview of the item.
00:01:45 Governor Bullock
00:01:55 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1217-1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale

Board Discussion/Comments

00:02:06 Attorney General Fox
00:02:40 Governor Bullock

00:03:04 The motion to approve item 1217-1 carried unanimously.

1217-2 Timber Sales

A. Henderson Hill
B. Lolo Peak Salvage
C. Tornilla Creek

- 00:03:08 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:04:40 Governor Bullock
00:04:45 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 1217-2. The motion was seconded by Secretary Stapleton and carried unanimously.

1217-3 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (December 5, 2017)

- 00:05:05 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:05:41 Governor Bullock
00:05:50 Commissioner Rosendale moved to approve item 1217-3. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Fox.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:06:02 Attorney General Fox
00:06:19 Mr. Tubbs
00:06:24 Governor Bullock

00:06:38 The motion to approve item 1217-3 carried unanimously.

1217-4 Informational Item: Biennial Cabin Site Lease Rate Review (September 2015 – September 2017)

- 00:06:40 Mr. Tubbs
00:07:40 Governor Bullock
00:07:44 Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the item.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:11:12 Governor Bullock
00:11:29 Commissioner Rosendale
00:12:13 Governor Bullock

1217-5 Easements

- 00:12:28 Mr. Tubbs gave an overview of the item.
00:12:44 Governor Bullock
00:12:50 Attorney General Fox moved to approve item 1217-5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rosendale and carried unanimously.

1217-6 Informational Item: Forest Insect and Disease Update

- 00:13:13 Mr. Tubbs
00:13:22 Governor Bullock
00:13:33 Attorney General Fox
00:13:35 Governor Bullock
00:13:52 Ms. Gannon gave an overview of the item.

Board Discussion/Comments

- 00:21:18 Governor Bullock
00:21:35 Ms. Gannon
00:21:38 Governor Bullock
00:21:45 Ms. Gannon
00:22:31 Governor Bullock
00:22:34 Attorney General Fox
00:22:47 Ms. Gannon
00:24:36 Attorney General Fox
00:24:40 Commissioner Rosendale

00:25:30 Ms. Gannon
00:26:01 Governor Bullock
00:26:12 Ms. Gannon
00:26:31 Governor Bullock
00:26:32 Ms. Gannon
00:26:34 Commissioner Rosendale
00:26:38 Governor Bullock
00:26:40 Secretary Stapleton
00:26:54 Ms. Gannon
00:27:33 Governor Bullock

General Public Comment

None

Adjournment

00:28:00 Adjournment

PRESIDENT

ATTEST

/s/ Steve Bullock
Steve Bullock, Governor

/s/ John E. Tubbs
John E. Tubbs, DNRC Director



Montana Forest Insects and Diseases 2017 Update

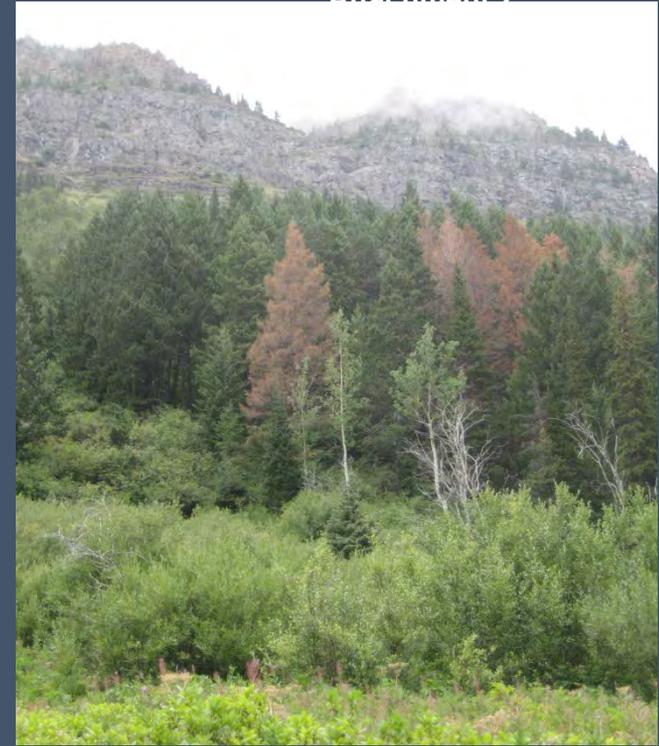
Amy Gannon
*DNRC Forest Pest
Management Program*

Common Forest Insects

Mountain Pine Beetle: 37,000 acres

Douglas-fir Beetle: 37,500 acres

Western Spruce Budworm: 300,000 acres



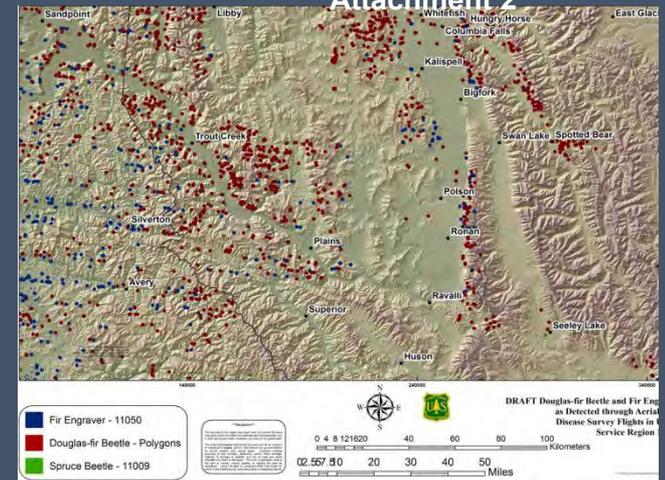
Grand Fir Mortality

Throughout host range

~ 100,000 acres surveyed

Linked to drought

Multiple beetle species + root disease



Post-Fire Beetle Activity

Western Pine Beetle

Red Turpentine Beetle

Douglas-fir Beetle

Pine Engraver



Root Disease

> 5 million acres MT forests impacted

Management requires species shift

Causes ongoing mortality

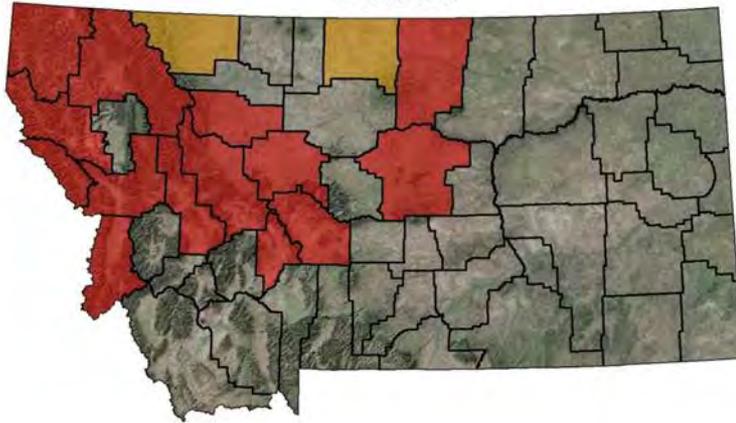
“Disease of the site”

Various species



Root Diseases Across Montana Counties

Armillaria



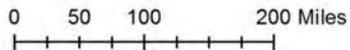
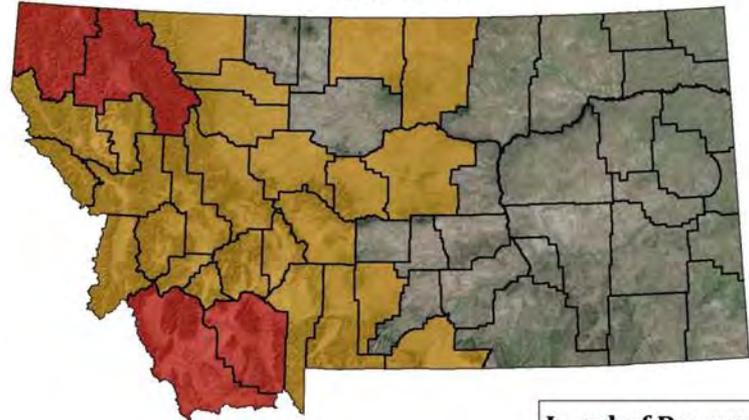
Heterobasidion



Laminated Root Rot



Schweinitzii





Whitebark Pine

High elevation species

Generally non-timber

Critical wildlife habitat for grizzly bears

Snowpack retention, runoff regulation

Impacted by:



Mountain pine beetle

Fire suppression

White pine blister rust



Limber Pine

Non-timber species

Important wildlife habitat

Susceptible to WPBR

Rocky Mountain Front survey





Questions?

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