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Initial Proposal
Pasture Draw Timber Sale

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Hamilton Unit Office is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

Section 26, 34, 35, 36  T2N R19W
Common School Trust
Capitol Buildings

The proposed Past timber sale is located approximately four miles northeast of Sula, Montana. The proposed action could begin as early as 2023.

Trees would be individually selected for harvest to improve tree health, increase forest productivity, and improve resistance to future insect/disease attack. The project would also generate revenue for the Common School Trust.

Approximately 4.5 miles of existing road would be improved to access proposed harvest units. Noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning, and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

The proposal would harvest approximately 1 million board feet from approximately 350 acres. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC’s sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Responses can be made by letter or email but must be received by September 9, 2022.

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