Initial Proposal
Granite Creek Timber Permit
August 10, 2022

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Dillon Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state-owned parcel:

Section 36 Township 5S Range 3W

The Granite Creek Timber Permit is located approximately 4 air miles north of Virginia City, Montana.

The primary objectives of this project include:

- Generation of revenue for the Common Schools Trust
- Enhancement of forest health and resilience
- Hazardous fuels reduction

An estimated 500 thousand board feet would be harvested from approximately 110 acres. Shelterwood, seed tree, and overstory removal harvest prescriptions would be used to accomplish forest management objectives. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC’s sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Approximately 2.5 miles of existing roads would be maintained to facilitate log hauling. Approximately 1.5 miles of new road would be constructed.

This proposal also includes noncommercial conifer removal on up to 400 acres within the project area. The project area will be subject to noxious weed management activities following implementation.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental analysis, so all volumes, acreages and road distances 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. Please respond by September 15, 2022 to:

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