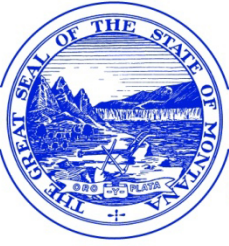


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Initial Proposal Bear Springs Timber Project December 26, 2017

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

Section 16, Township 27N, Range 25W

The Bear Springs Timber Project is located approximately 8 miles west of Marion, Montana.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.
- Improve the health and vigor of the forest.
- Improve road access.

The proposed project would harvest approximately 2 million board feet from 560 acres using commercial thinning and sanitation harvest prescriptions. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Noxious weed management, pile burning, and site preparation activities may occur after harvest operations have been completed.

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

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **January 27, 2018** to:

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BEAR SPRINGS VICINITY MAP

KALISPELL UNIT



BEAR SPRINGS TIMBER PROJECT
S. 16, T27N, R25W

