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**Initial Proposal
Ferndale Timber Sale
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The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Kalispell Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state-owned parcels:

State owned portions of T26N R19W Sections 3, 4, 9, 10

The proposed Ferndale Timber Sale is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Bigfork, MT. Sale layout is ongoing and timber harvesting could begin in winter of 2018. Objectives of the project are to return much of the area to historic forest conditions while generating revenue for the Common Schools Trust. This project would also reduce fire danger by reducing overstocked conditions in the wildland-urban interface and minimize risks posed by invasive weeds to these parcels.

It is estimated approximately four million board feet could be harvested in this project. Existing roads in the area would be upgraded to meet Forestry Best Management Practices standards and up to 1 mile of new road construction could occur. The proposed harvest would contribute to DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

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

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by **January 22, 2018** to:

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