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Initial Proposal
Kozy Korner Timber Sale

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

Sections 24 and 26 T16N R14W, Pine Hills Permanent Trust
Sections 20 and 32 T16N R13W, Common Schools
Sections 28, 29, and 33 T16N R13W, and Section 35 T16N R14W, Public Building Trust

The primary objective of this proposed project is to generate revenue for the associated Trust beneficiaries mentioned above. Silvicultural prescriptions would include individual tree selection and salvage harvest with traditional ground-based equipment to improve forest health by reducing insect and disease activity, promote seral species and reestablish and promote cover types historically found in these areas (the Desired Future Condition). Road maintenance and improvements would be needed on existing access roads and new road construction may be necessary to access proposed harvest units. Noxious weed management, property line surveys, pre-commercial thinning, prescribed burning (or pile burning) and tree planting will occur under the proposed action.

The proposed harvest is in accordance with State Statute 77-1-202 and would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

The proposed harvest would take place under various timber permits and sales. The proposal would harvest approximately two million board feet from approximately 750 acres. The proposed action would likely be implemented in the late summer of 2018 and possibly be completed by 2020.

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. Neighboring landowners will also be asked for their input.

The Montana DNRC invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by **August 31, 2015** to:

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