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Initial Proposal Amendments to Recreational Use Administrative Rules September 9, 2024

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Forestry and Trust Land Division, is proposing amendments to the following administrative rules related to recreational use of trust land:

ARM 36.25.145, ARM 36.25.146, ARM 36.25.149, ARM 36.25.150, ARM 36.25.152, ARM 36.25.157, ARM 36.25.158, ARM 36.25.159

The proposed amendments are necessary to align administrative rules with applicable statute as amended by House Bill 521 (2023), Senate Bill 326 (2015), and Senate Bill 65 (2009). The proposed amendments would also adopt food storage requirements for public safety in grizzly bear habitat, which would meet obligations in accordance with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee and provide consistent food storage rules with those already in place for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks managed lands and federal lands.

Montana DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project and invites the public to submit written comments for the proposed amendment and any anticipated environmental impacts. The proposed amendments were published in the [Montana Administrative Register](#) on September 6, 2024, and have also been attached for your convenience. Please submit all comments by **October 4, 2024**, to:

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or by mail to:

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Information about this rulemaking effort is also posted online at:
<https://dnrc.mt.gov/TrustLand/public-use/RecreationalUseRules>