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Initial Proposal Cliff Lake Timber Sale June 1, 2023

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

Sections 19, 29, 30, 31, Township 30N, Range 22W

The Cliff Lake Timber Sale is located approximately 9 air miles northwest of Kalispell, MT.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are to:

- Promote a healthy, productive forest and return the area to more historic forest conditions
- Reduce fuel loading and increase the stand's fire resiliency
- Manage outbreaks of disease and insects in the stands
- Generate revenue for the ACB, State Normal School, Deaf & Blind, and Public Building Trusts.

The proposed project would harvest approximately 4 million board feet of timber from approximately 400 acres using individual tree selection, and shelterwood prescriptions. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Maintenance and improvements would occur on approximately 5.5 miles of existing road. Noxious weed management, pile burning, and site preparation activities may occur after harvest operations are completed.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the environmental assessment, 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 **July 3, 2023** to:

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