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Initial Proposal Metcalf Hubbard Timber Sale October 16, 2025

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

Metcalf parcel – S. 36, T26N, R24W Hubbard parcel – S. 16, T26N, R24W Widlhorse parcel – S. 36, T27N, R22W Boorman Peak parcel – S. 16, T28N, R23W

The Metcalf Hubbard Timber Sale parcels are located south and west of Kalispell, Montana, varying in distance from 10 to 20 air miles.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are to:

- Promote a healthy and productive forest.
- Remove overstory in regenerated forested stands.
- Generate revenue for the Common School Trust.

The proposed project would harvest approximately 5 million board feet of timber from approximately 1,480 acres using over story removal 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 24 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 project 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 November 17, 2025, to:

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