

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DNRC FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ON STATE TRUST LANDS

Project Name: **Kleinschmidt Flat TRUP 2025**

Proposed Implementation: **July 2025**

Proponent: **Montana DNRC – Clearwater Unit**

Proposed Action: **Issue a Temporary Road Use Permit on existing road**

Legal Description: **Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 10 West**

County: **Powell**

Specialists Consulted: **N/A**

Category (refer to ARM 36.11.447 (3)(a) through (x) for additional detail):

- a) ☐ Minor temporary uses of land involving negligible or no disturbance of soil or vegetation and having no long-term effects on the environment.
- b) ☐ Plans or modifications of plans that would not predetermine future Department action affecting the physical or biological environment.
- c) ☐ Issuance, renewal, or assignment of leases or licenses where the use will remain the same.
- d) ☐ Acquisition of fee title, easements, rights of way or other interests in land.
- e) ☐ Road maintenance and repair of existing roads.
- f) ☐ Reconstruction or modification to an existing bridges or replacement of a culvert.
- g) ☐ Crossing Class III Streams in accordance with the SMZ law.
- h) ☒ Issuing a Temporary Road Use Permits on existing roads.
- i) ☐ Road closure to motorized public and/or administrative use.
- j) ☐ Removal of material stockpiles.
- k) ☐ Backfilling into previously excavated land with compatible material.
- l) ☐ Gathering forest products for personal or commercial use i.e. firewood, Christmas trees or posts and rails.
- m) ☐ Regeneration of land through planting native trees, or other means, including site preparation, but that does not involve use of herbicides.
- n) ☐ Seed procurement, growing, lifting and distributing nursery stock.
- o) ☐ Drilling of water wells for domestic use or irrigation for lawns and gardens for existing cabin or home sites.
- p) ☐ Herbicide and pesticide treatments, using spot treatment less than 160 acres within a 640-acre section during the calendar year.
- q) ☐ Handling of hazardous materials for fire suppression or other purposes
- r) ☐ Fence construction of specific design specifications (noted in ARM).
- s) ☐ Installation of water pipelines waterlines to benefit grazing practices and range condition.
- t) ☐ Removal of trees less than two feet tall that are encroaching on range or non-

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| ☐ | ☒ | e) State natural area. |
| ☐ | ☒ | f) Native American religious and cultural sites. |
| ☐ | ☒ | g) Archaeological sites. |
| ☐ | ☒ | h) Historic properties and areas. |
| ☐ | ☒ | i) Several related projects that individually may be subject to categorical exclusion but that may occur at the same time or in the same geographic area. Such related actions may be subject to environmental review even if they are not individually subject to review. |
| ☐ | ☒ | j) Violations of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. |

The project listed above meets the definition of the indicated categorical exclusion, including specified conditions and extraordinary circumstances, as provided in the Forest Management Rules (ARM 36.11.447).

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