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The Flathead National Forest, Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger District has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the **Frozen Moose Project**. The project area is on National Forest System lands from Red Meadow Creek to the Canadian Border. The project area includes Red Meadow Creek, Moose Creek, Whale Creek, Trail Creek, and areas along the North Fork of the Flathead River.

The project proposes management activities to address the following resource objectives: reduce tree densities and fuel loadings within the wildland-urban interface; improve the diversity and resilience of vegetative communities and associated wildlife habitat; maintain and improve aquatic ecosystems; and provide a mix of forest products to contribute to economic sustainability.

The proposed management activities have been modified to address public comment that was received on the proposed action in January and to reduce effects to resources. The environmental assessment discloses the potential effects of both management activities and taking no action.

Project documents, including the environmental assessment and maps, can be accessed at the project Web site under the *analysis* tab: www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57310. Hard copies of the environmental assessment are available by request.

Members of the interdisciplinary team who prepared the environmental assessment will be hosting a virtual public meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020, from 6:00-7:00 pm. The purpose of the public meeting is to share information with the public about the environmental assessment and to answer questions about the Frozen Moose Project. Information from the virtual meeting will be posted to the project Web site following the event.

The virtual meeting can be accessed by clicking on the link (*Join Microsoft Teams Meeting*) below. You will be able to access the meeting through your internet browser, the Microsoft Teams application, or by dialing the conference phone number listed below. An internet connection is necessary to join through the Microsoft Teams application or through your internet browser. If you join by phone, you will be prompted to enter the conference ID listed below. Individuals participating by phone will not be able to see materials presented during the internet meeting, but information will be available on the project Web site following the event.

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Specific written comments (§218.2) on the EA will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the *Daily Inter Lake*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Electronic input may be submitted to: comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@usda.gov with "Frozen Moose Project" in the subject line. Acceptable formats include MS Word, RTF, or PDF.



Please send written input to:

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Written comments can be hand delivered to 10 Hungry Horse Drive, Hungry Horse, MT 59919 (Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm, excluding holidays).

Because of the large amount of research regarding forestry practices and methods, if you cite literature in your comments, please provide us with a complete bibliography and a copy of the referenced materials.

Input received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record, and will be available for public inspection.

Please contact Sarah Canepa, project leader, if you would like more information about the project at (406) 387-3800 or sarah.canepa@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D".

ROBERT DAVIES
Hungry Horse-Glacier View District Ranger