



# Request for Public Comment

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST  
TALLY LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

## **ASHLEY-HERRIG RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

The Tally Lake Ranger District is requesting public input on a proposal to manage National Forest resources in the vicinity of Ashley Lake and Herrig Creek. A public field trip to provide further information about this project will occur on Tuesday, March 24 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the north shore of Ashley Lake. Forest Service resource specialists will be there to answer questions, present information, and get your ideas about the project. Please contact Bryan Donner at (406) 758-3508 by close of business March 23 to sign up.

The purpose of this project is to improve forest structure and species composition, reduce hazardous fuels, maintain and improve wildlife habitat, improve recreation opportunities, and improve water quality and aquatic habitat. The project proposes to actively manage

about 1,615 acres of the forest. This would include a variety of timber harvest and/or fuel reduction treatments that emphasize the retention of fire-resistant trees, salvage of timber killed by insects and disease, and creation of residual stands that are less prone to insect attacks and high intensity wildfires. About 1,261 acres of these treatments would harvest commercial wood products and about 354 acres would manage timber stands through mechanical means that would not harvest any timber.

If the project is approved, implementation is anticipated to begin in summer 2010. For further information on this proposal or to send comments, please contact Bryan Donner at the Tally Lake Ranger District, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or by phone at (406) 758-3508. Your comments are an important part of the planning procedure and should be received or postmarked by March 30, 2009 to be considered in the process.

