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Dear Interested Party,

I would like to take several minutes of your time to present some information about a proposal that my staff and I have developed to address resource conditions within a portion of the Hungry Horse Ranger District. This project, called the **Firefighter Project**, would occur on National Forest System (NFS) lands located on the east side of the Hungry Horse Reservoir in the Firefighter Mountain area.

The district planning team, comprised of specialists from many natural resource disciplines, has conducted preliminary analysis in this area to assess the overall ecosystem condition. As a result of this initial assessment, the team has identified opportunities to enhance elk winter range habitat, improve wildlife security, and improve forest productivity and species diversity. I have included with this letter a document that describes the purpose of the project and the proposal (known as the proposed action) in more detail.

Your comments about the proposed action are very important. They will help the planning team develop a list of issues of concern, which could in turn lead to a determination of the level of analysis needed and the development of alternatives to the proposed action. So that your input may be included in our analysis, please provide specific **written comments addressing the proposed action by April 7, 2008**. Specific written comments are defined as those which are within the scope of the proposed action, are explicit to the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons that the responsible official should consider in reaching a decision. If you cite literature in your comments, please provide us with a complete bibliography or a copy of the referenced materials if they are not commonly available. Comments received will be available for public inspection and will be considered part of the public record.

Please address your comments to Project Leader Michele Draggoo at the above address or fax number. To submit comments electronically, please send to: comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us. Hand-delivered comments should be taken to the ranger station office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. To obtain additional information about this project, please contact me (406) 387-3800 or Michele at (406) 387-3827.



I appreciate your interest in the Firefighter Project. If you would like to receive future mailings about this project, please either send us your comments on the proposed action or contact us to let us know that you would like to remain on our mailing list. Thank you for your help with developing our project.

Sincerely,

JIMMY J. DEHERRERA
District Ranger

Enclosure