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Dear Interested Party:

The Livingston Ranger District is hosting a public meeting on the proposed **Smith Creek Vegetation Treatment Project**.

When: June 29, 2006, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm **Where:** Wilsal Fire Hall

The Livingston Ranger District sent out an initial public involvement letter on February 22, 2006. Many people provide comments on the preliminary proposed action, objectives and purpose and need.

The objectives of the June meeting are to:

- Share the results of the Forest Service Smith Creek Watershed Risk Assessment.
- Describe the relationship of a Smith Creek vegetation treatment project to the Park and Meagher County Wildfire Community Protection Plans.
- Agree on a process where interested parties can develop a project proposal that reduces risks: (1) to firefighters and the public in the event of a wildfire; (2) to wildlife habitat (e.g., aspens and meadows) from tree encroachment; (3) and to tree stands from insect and disease.
- Discuss the field data (e.g., stand exams, goshawk surveys, etc.) the Forest Service is planning to collect this summer in the Smith Creek drainage.
- Identify dates for future field trips dates to share field data and collaborate on project design.

I look forward to working with you on the Smith Creek Vegetation Management project. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Steve Schacht, Interdisciplinary Team Leader (406-222-1892) or me (406-222-1892).

Sincerely,

/s/ Diane Taliaferro

for RON J. ARCHULETA
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