

LEGAL NOTICE of DECISION
CLANCY GRAZING REAUTHORIZATION
USDA Forest Service
Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest
Jefferson Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

On December 9, 2009, District Ranger Duane H. Harp (Responsible Official) signed a decision notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Clancy Grazing Reauthorization for the Clancy livestock allotment. The project area lies within Jefferson County, Montana, and includes about 7,200 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Helena Ranger District of the Helena National Forest and the Jefferson Ranger District of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The allotment is located in the Prickly Pear drainage west of Clancy, Montana.

In this DN/FONSI, the District Ranger decided to implement Alternative 2 in the Clancy Grazing Reauthorization Environmental Assessment (EA). This alternative was developed to maintain site productivity, improve livestock distribution, move toward desired conditions in areas not current at desired condition, maintain unique vegetative communities and to comply with the Rescissions Act of 1995. Also, this alternative includes an adaptive management strategy that outlines how monitoring would be used to adjust the management of both upland and riparian areas. The DN/FONSI displays the District Ranger's conclusions and findings on how well Alternative 2 best meets the purpose and need of this project and also how it best addresses issues raised during the analysis. A copy of the DN/FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Helena National Forest Helena Ranger District (2001 Poplar St, Helena, MT 59601; 406-449-5490), or by visiting the Forest's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/projects/>

This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12, as only supportive and non-substantive comments were received during the comment period.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 251. Appeal under 251 is limited to current permit holders. Eligible parties will be notified, by letter sent via certified mail, of appeal period and filing requirements.

To obtain a copy of the DN/FONSI or EA, or if you need further Information concerning this project or additional requirements on the Forest Service appeal process, contact Jan FauntLeRoy, NEPA Coordinator at (406) 449-5201 or write to: Helena National Forest, Supervisors Office, 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602. The DN/FONSI and EA, along with additional Information about the project, are available on the internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/projects/>.

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