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Dear Interested Party:

Last August I notified you of a proposal to conduct road reconstruction and heavy maintenance on Deadman Road #837 and Memorial Way (Forest Road #487), major arterial routes through the Lewis and Clark National Forest. I have completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed action, the consequences of taking no action, and an alternative to the proposed action that was based on comments I received during the scoping process. Preliminary issues included effects to cultural resources, inventoried roadless areas, and sensitive plants populations from proposed route relocations and mineral pit development. Effects to these, and other, resources are evaluated in the EA.

The EA is available for review on the Lewis and Clark Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/projects/>. If you desire a hard copy of the EA, please contact IDT Leader Bob Korb at (406) 791-7737. Comments on the project will be accepted for 30 days from the day after publication of legal notice of the project in the Great Falls Tribune; please check the Tribune for the exact date. Written comments should be sent to Bob Korb, Lewis and Clark National Forest, P.O. Box 869, Great Falls, MT. 59403. Electronic comments may be submitted to: comments-northern-lewisclark@fs.fed.us. Please type "Deadman-Memorial Way" in the subject line. I will make a decision on the project after I have reviewed the comments on the EA.

Thank you for your interest in the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

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