

## **CHAPTER 4. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

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This chapter documents public involvement during the scoping of the Proposed Action for the Sheppard Creek Post-Fire Project.

The Forest Service consulted the following Federal, state and local agencies along with the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes during the development of this environmental impact statement.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
United State Environmental Protection Agency  
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
Montana Department of Environmental Quality  
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks  
Flathead County

The Forest Service also requested or received input from the following elected officials, organizations, agencies, and individuals on the development of the Proposed Action. The complete mailing lists used during he Sheppard Creek Post-Fire Project are in Exhibit B.

### **Elected Officials**

U.S. Senator Max Baucus (Kirby Campbell-Rierson)  
U.S. Senator Jon Tester (Stacy Stone-Manning)  
U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg (Maren Olsen)  
State Representative Bill Beck  
State Senator Jerry O'Neil

### **Agencies**

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Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (Alan Wood)  
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Brian Manning)  
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Bahner, Aaron & Cammy	Hart, David	Reich, Ronald
Beaver, John	Haynes, Myron & Patrice	Reiter, John & Sharon
Bjornrud, Albert & Teresa	Hill, Eugene & Teri	Rogers, Alan & Cherry
Boardman, Mark	Holland, Desne	Role, Mark & Kimberly
Bowers, Audrey & Ray	Hubber, Margaret	Ryan, Clarice
Boyd, Steven G.	Johnson, Bryce & Ardith	Sachau, B.
Braun, Stephen	Kramer, Kenneth	Salminen, Don & Susan
Briggs, Reginald & Donna	Kreienheder, Richard & Amanda	Samuel, Stephanie Ann
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Buentemeier, Ron	Love, Brad	Sanlorenzo, Candida
Care, Darrin & Tami	Mahugh, Jeremy	Shaver, Todd & Barbara
Carlin, Chad & Valerie	Marcuvitz, Robert	Skinner, Dave
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Coulter, James & Tena	McDonald, Micheal & Lori	Stafford, Juanita
Courtney, Thomas	McDonnell, Pat	Stocking, Bradley & Karen
Crowe, Gary	McDowell, Michelle	Stone, J.B.
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Field, Kenneth & Arlene	Mitchell, Brent	Unser, Delda
Fischlowitz, David	Moser, Tamara & Wayne	Valenta, Joseph & Carol
Foard, Patrick & Marlene	Musser, Mary Lou	Wayman, Samuel
Gerrior, Julie	Mylander, Elaine	West, David & Lynette
Gibbs, John & Rhonda	Nelson, Richard & Carol	Whitaker, Allen & Pamela
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## Organizations and Businesses

A. American INC PSP & Trust	Montana Logging Association
Alliance for the Wild Rockies	Uken, Paul
Garrity, Micheal	Montana Wood Products Association
American Fisheries Society, MT Chapter	Marceau, Bonnie
Schmetterling, David	O-H Leasing
American Timber Co.	Parkside Federal Credit Union
American Whitewater	Plum Creek Timber Co.
Gangemi, John	Shaw, Eric
Bear Den Ranch LLC	Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.
The Daily Interlake	Simpson, Jim
Mann, Jim	Sterling Trust Company FBO
F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber Co.	Zignego, Lee
Roady, Chuck	Swan View Coalition
Flathead Audubon Society	Keith Hammer
Young, Lewis	Trout Unlimited, Flathead Valley Chapter
Flathead Economic Policy Center	Farling, Bruce
Daly, Carol	Whitefish Lake Institute Koopal, Mike
Friends of the Wild Swan	Whitefish Pilot
Montgomery, Arlene	Hanners, Rick
Hope Ranch	WildWest Institute Naficy, Cameron
Little Switzerland Group LLC	Women in Timber
Montana Forest Products	McKenzie, Holly
Montanans for Multiple Use	
Hodgeboom, Fred	

## Content Analysis Process

We received 19 comment letters from individuals, organizations, other government agencies in response to the scoping of the Proposed Action. These 19 letters contained approximately 220 distinct comments.

We documented and analyzed all public comments related to the Proposed Action using a process called “content analysis,” which is a systematic method to compile, categorize, and capture the full range of public viewpoints and concerns regarding a plan or project. Content analysis helps the planning team clarify, adjust, or use technical information to prepare the Draft EIS. Information from public meetings, letters, emails, faxes, phone calls, and other sources are all included in this analysis. This process makes no attempt to treat comments as votes. Content analysis ensures that every comment is considered at some point in the development process. A more detailed accounting of the content analysis methods used, results, and a comprehensive list of public concerns can be found in the project record, Exhibit B.

During content analysis individual concerns were identified for each response received regarding the Proposed Action. Each individual statement made from respondents suggesting

an action the Flathead National Forest should consider was identified and compiled into discipline-specific themes. The compiled themes were reviewed by a subject matter expert on the interdisciplinary team for response. The individual concerns and interdisciplinary team member's categorization of the concern are displayed in Exhibit B.

As indicated above, we received response letters from 19 various individuals, organizations, and government agencies during the comment period. The following table provides a list of the individuals commenting and Project File exhibit number related to each response.

**Table 4-1. List of Commenters on Proposed Action.**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>Proposed Action Commenter</b>	<b>File Number</b>	<b>Proposed Action Commenter</b>
E-1	Sachau, B.	E-11	Flathead Audobon Society Young, Lewis
E-2	Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Deleray, Mark	E-12	Swan View Coalition Hammer, Keith
E-3	Artley, Dick	E-13	WildWest Institute Naficy, Cameron
E-4	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Wardell, John	E-14	Buentemeier, Ron
E-5	Braun, Stephen	E-15	Montanans for Multiple Use Hodgeboom, Fred
E-6	Artley, Dick	E-16	F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. Boardman, Mark
E-7	Hansen, Carl	E-17	Musser, Mary Lou
E-8	F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. Roady, Chuck	E-18	Women in Timber McKenzie, Holly
E-9	Friends of the Wild Swan Montgomery, Arlene	E-19	McDonnell, Patrick
E-10	F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. Damrow, Chris		

## **Distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

This draft environmental impact statement has been distributed to individuals who specifically requested a copy of the document. Over 165 individuals and organizations were directly contacted to inform them of its availability. Notices of Availability were published in the Federal Register and in the *Daily Inter Lake* of Kalispell, Montana. In addition, copies have been sent or made available to the following Federal agencies:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Washington, DC

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Helena, MT

USDA National Agriculture Library  
Beltsville, MD

USDI Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
Washington, DC

Planning and Review Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Washington, DC

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Washington, DC

US Army Corps of Engineers  
Portland, OR

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Washington, DC

Northwest Power Planning Council  
Portland, OR

US Coast Guard  
Washington, DC

Federal Aviation Administration  
Renton, WA

USDOT Federal Highway Administration  
Helena, MT

US Department of Energy  
Washington, DC

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