



Flathead National Forest

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Flathead National Forest Plans Blankenship Fuels Reduction Project

The Glacier View Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest is developing a fuels reduction project on National Forest System lands in the Blankenship area, north of Hungry Horse, MT. Approximately 950 acres will be thinned, with most of the downed wood and slash removed. No prescribed burning is planned for this project, other than burning of slash piles.

The purpose of the project is to lower the risk of future high intensity and severity wildfire, improve ability to control fire, protect human life and human and natural resource values and to increase the diversity of tree composition to more fire tolerant species. The project area is identified as a wildland-urban interface area.

The Forest Service is hosting a public field trip to the project area on Friday, March 11. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Forest Service at 387-3800 by Wednesday, March 9.

Public comments about the project should be submitted by March 25 to the district office at PO Box 190340, Hungry Horse, MT 59919. For more information, contact Project Leader James Barnett at 387-3800.

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