



Flathead National Forest

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Field Trip Scheduled and Comments Wanted on Proposed Red Whale Project

The Glacier View District of the Flathead National Forest is asking for public comment on the proposed Red Whale Project in the North Fork area, Northwest of Polebridge, that would reduce fuel levels near private property, and enhance habitat diversity and security for several wildlife species.

Comments on the proposed project should be provided to the district by July 28. A public field trip to the area to discuss the proposed project is scheduled for Monday, July 17. Anyone wishing to attend the field trip should call the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District Office at 387-3800 by July 13.

The proposal includes reducing fuels on approximately 2,100 acres with mechanical equipment. Prescribed burning is proposed on approximately 1,400 acres to enhance wildlife habitat. Road access would be affected, specifically with a half mile of the Moran Creek Road, Forest Road #5241, closed to wheeled motorized vehicles, and berms would be used to manage about 16 miles that are currently closed with a gate. Almost six miles in total of the Hay Creek, Moran Creek and Coal Ridge Trails would be affected with a wheeled motorized closure. The project also considers a request from the State of Montana to acquire a road easement to a parcel of state land.

For more information, please contact Project Leader Michele Draggoo at 387-3800.

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