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Passage Fire Hazard Tree Reduction

Livingston, MT... To help address safety concerns for the public and employees, the Livingston Ranger District has proposed removing fire weakened hazard trees along Forest roads within the Passage Fire perimeter. The Forest is asking for public input on this proposal by December 11, 2006.

The proposal includes removing hazard trees along roughly 3 miles of Forest Roads. The trees that are removed will be sold, used for firewood, or left as downed woody debris to help address soil erosion and other resource concerns.

"The weakened trees have a strong likelihood of falling unexpectedly, blocking and damaging roads and putting the public and work crews at risk," said Ron Archuleta, District Ranger, Livingston Ranger District. "The only trees that will be removed are those threatening the roadways, such leaning, cat-faced, or unstable trees. No healthy trees will be removed."

Project implementation could begin in the winter of 2006 and be completed by the summer of 2007. For more information regarding this project, please contact the Livingston Ranger District at (406) 222-1892.