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# Hebgen Lake Ranger District News Release



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## **Taylor Fork Fuels Reduction Environmental Assessment Available for Public Comment**

West Yellowstone, MT... The Gallatin National Forest has completed the Taylor Fork Fuels Reduction Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and will be accepting comments from the public until June 16, 2006. The Environmental Assessment and specifics on how to submit comments are available on the Gallatin Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/?page=projects> or by contacting Teri Seth, West Zone Team Leader, at (406) 522-2539.

The project is designed to increase firefighter and public safety while reducing wildland fire risk to adjacent land and structures. Vegetation treatments are focused in the wildland urban interface around guest ranches near the Taylor Fork drainage in the Gallatin Canyon. The Forest is proposing thinning approximately 350-400 acres, of which about 150-160 acres of commercial size material would be removed. Other thinning treatments are limited to trees that are 4" in diameter or less.

For additional information or to request a paper copy of the EA, contact the Hebgen Lake Ranger District by phoning (406) 823-6961 or visiting the District Office at 330 Gallatin Road, West Yellowstone, MT.

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