
Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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Forest Service Seeks Public Comment on Mineral Exploration Proposal

Big Timber, MT... The Gallatin National Forest is asking for public comment on plans submitted by Beartooth Platinum Corporation for exploratory core drilling on Forest Service lands in the East Boulder plateau area between Nye and Big Timber, Montana.

“The proposal covers the same area analyzed in their 2007 permit, which expires on July 5, 2008,” said Lars Halstrom, Gallatin National Forest Minerals Technician. “A maximum of 40 sites would be drilled in this area on the Gallatin National Forest. Dependent upon weather and snow conditions, exploratory drilling could start as early as July 1, 2008 and be completed by fall 2008.”

No road or trail construction is proposed. Up to two drill rigs would be working at one time and drilling at each site could occur up to 24 hours per day. All areas disturbed by exploration operations would be reclaimed to prevent or control environmental damage and return the areas to a stable configuration similar to the original condition.

For further information or to get a hard copy of the scoping document please contact the Big Timber Ranger District at (406) 932-5155. Comments should be received by February 8, 2008 and an be mailed to Big Timber Ranger District, P.O. Box 1130, Big Timber, MT 59011.

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