



## Flathead National Forest

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### Flathead National Forest Plans to Sell Buildings and Acres

Abigail R. Kimbell, Regional Forester for the Forest Service Northern Region, has decided to implement a proposal to sell approximately 92.2 acres of National Forest System land, together with six associated buildings, at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station administrative site on the Flathead National Forest. Also included in her decision are construction of a new office building with associated utilities, abandonment of an old sewer system, and establishment of an administrative withdrawal on an adjoining 122-acre site. Funds generated from the land sale will be used to supplement costs to build the new office for employees from the Hungry Horse, Spotted Bear, and Glacier View Ranger Districts of the Flathead National Forest. Congress authorized the proposed land sale through the Pilot Conveyance Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-7 108<sup>th</sup> Congress). The project area is located adjacent to the town of Hungry Horse, Montana, approximately 20 miles northeast of Kalispell, Montana.

Copies of the Decision Notice are available at the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell or at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station in Hungry Horse. The decision is also available for viewing and downloading from the Forest Internet website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead>. The decision is not subject to administrative appeal, since no substantive comments were received during the 30-day comment period on the environmental assessment, released in October 2004. Two comments were received which were favorable to the proposal. The Forest expects to offer the land for sale during the summer of 2005, and begin construction of the new building in 2006.

For more information please contact Hungry Horse and Glacier View District Ranger Jimmy DeHerrera at 406-387-3800 or Forest Lands Program Manager Linda Smith at 406-758-5369.

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