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Trail Fuels Reduction Project Proposed in the North Fork Area

The Hungry Horse and Glacier View Districts of the Flathead National Forest are proposing to treat approximately 1,350 acres of the district with the Trail Fuels Reduction Project located in the Trail Creek and Upper North Fork of the Flathead River areas, approximately 40 miles north of Columbia Falls.

The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous fuels, and create a forest condition that will lower the risk of future high intensity and severity wildfire. The Trail Creek area has been identified as a wildland/urban interface area of high priority for treatment due to the concentration of private dwellings adjacent to National Forest System lands and the risk of fires starting in or spreading from these forested areas.

Mechanical treatments on approximately 350 acres would reduce tree densities and remove downed wood and slash. Prescribed burning would be used to treat approximately 1,000 acres.

Collaborative efforts with interested parties, including the North Fork Fire Mitigation Committee, for the past year have helped to guide the Forest Service proposal.

Please contact the Forest Service at 387-3800 for more information regarding the Trail Fuels Reduction Project. Public comments are encouraged by March 10.

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