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Comments Sought on Hungry Horse Land Conveyance Environmental Assessment

Forest Service officials are releasing for public review and comment an Environmental Assessment (EA) of a proposal to sell 92.22 acres of National Forest System land with six associated buildings within the Hungry Horse Administrative Site. Also included in the proposed action are establishment of an administrative withdrawal on an adjoining 76-acre site, abandonment of connections to an old sewer system, and construction of a new office building with associated utilities. Funds generated from the land sale would be used to supplement costs to build a 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 108th Congress). The project area is located adjacent to the town of Hungry Horse, Montana, approximately 20 miles northeast of Kalispell, Montana.

A paper copy of the EA is available at the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell or at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station in Hungry Horse, or by calling one of the following officials. The analysis is also available for viewing and downloading from the Internet website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead>.

The public may send written comments on the proposal to David Ondov, project leader, Flathead National Forest, 1935 3rd Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 758-5364 OR Jimmy DeHerrera, District Ranger, Hungry Horse and Glacier View Ranger Districts, P.O. Box 190340, Hungry Horse, MT 59919, (406) 387-3801. Electronic comments may be submitted to comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us. The e-mail subject line must contain the name of the project (Hungry Horse Land Conveyance Project). Comments must be postmarked or hand-delivered by **November 16, 2004**. A decision is expected in December 2004.

For more information, call Linda Smith at 406-758-5369, Debbie Olsen at 406-758-5321, or David Ondov at 406-758-5364.

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