**Region One**
**490 North Meridian Road**
**Kalispell, MT 59901**

**BIENNIAL RULE REGULATING USE ON STIMSON LUMBER COMPANY RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA**
**DECISION NOTICE**
**AUGUST 2, 2019**

## Description of Proposed Action

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to establish a biennial rule that would allow FWP to work in partnership with Stimson Lumber Company to provide year-round managed public recreation access on 100,801 acres.

## Public Involvement

The proposed biennial rule was released for a 30-day public comment period on July 2, 2019. FWP posted a public notice on its webpage (http://fwp.mt.gov) and a news release was prepared and distributed to a standard list of media outlets. The draft EA was also available at all FWP Regional Headquarters and the State Headquarters in Helena.

## Summary of Public Comments

FWP received 1 comment for the proposed biennial rule. This comment was fully supportive of the biennial rule and appreciative of Stimson Lumber Company for making their lands available to the public at no cost. They were also thankful that FWP was working with Stimson to ensure reasonable and legal use of their lands into the future.

## FWP Responses to Public Comments

No response required.

## FWP Recommended Alternative and Final Decision Recommendation

In reviewing public comment and other relevant information, we recommend that the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the Biennial Rule Regulating Use on Stimson Lumber Company Recreation Management Area.

Jim Williams
Region One Supervisor

8/2/19
Date

## Hammond, Christopher

**From:** jsjvash@montanasky.us
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2019 1:16 PM
**To:** Hammond, Christopher
**Subject:** Public Comment: FWP Seeks Review of Biennial Access Rule for Stimson Lumber Company Lands in Northwest Montana

**Categories:** Public Comment

Flathead Wildlife, Inc. has reviewed and approves the biennial access rules for 100,801 acres of Stimson Lumber Company lands in northwest Montana from 8/25/2019 to 8/25/2021. The rules pertain to public use regulations and year round access. Many Flathead Wildlife, Inc. members use Stimson lands for hunting, fishing and other recreational uses. The rules are reasonable and a continuation of existing regulations. Flathead Wildlife appreciates Stimson making their lands available to the public at no cost and thanks FWP for working with Stimson to ensure reasonable and legal use of their lands into the future. Jim Vashro, Flathead Wildlife, Inc. President

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