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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) proposal to conduct habitat restoration treatments on approximately 1,116 acres of forest and grass/shrublands on its Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area (CCWMA), located east of Hamilton in Ravalli County. The objectives of the proposed treatments are: 1) improve elk and deer winter forage, 2) restore grass/shrublands through conifer removal, 3) promote stand conditions that would allow fire to burn at low-severity appropriate for the habitat type, and 4) promote aspen growth and regeneration.

Treatments would involve the removal of conifer trees (both merchantable and sub-merchantable) through a combination of mechanical and non-mechanical treatments. The purpose of this project is to improve wildlife habitat; this project would not be proposed if not for a need to conserve and improve wildlife habitat on the CCWMA.

The EA may also be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5500; by emailing [shrose@mt.gov](mailto:shrose@mt.gov); or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("Recent Public Notices"). Comments may be directed by mail or email to the addresses above. Comments must be received by FWP no later than March 8, 2021

As part of the decision-making process under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission has the final decision-making authority for FWP's forest habitat restoration projects, and the Commission could be asked to render its decision on this proposal at its regularly scheduled April 2021 meeting.

Sincerely,

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