

## **Hello Forest Landowner of Ravalli County!**

The Local Work Group (1) in Ravalli County has identified Forest Health as the priority resource concern for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in 2020. This means that you, as a Forest Landowner in Ravalli County, could be eligible for technical and financial assistance for projects to improve the health of forest stands on your property. Some of the practices that could be eligible for support include:

- ◆ *Forest Stand Improvement practices that could address overstocked or diseased forest stands;*
- ◆ *Fuel Break implementation for the purpose of controlling or reducing the risk of fire spread; and,*
- ◆ *Woody residue treatment.*

### **What is EQIP?**

EQIP is a cost share program that is offered through the NRCS (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service).

### **How can I learn more?**

The Local Work Group will be holding a public outreach meeting to provide forest landowners with an opportunity to learn more about future opportunities for assistance.

**Public meeting date: Wednesday the 11th of December 2019, from 6:30-8:00 PM**

**Public meeting location: Corvallis Fire Hall 317 Woodside Cutoff Road, Corvallis, MT**

The Local Work Group is very interested in hearing from forest landowners who have forest health concerns on their property. If you have such concerns, please call or visit the NRCS Hamilton Field Office to learn more about potential opportunities for technical assistance as well as possible cost share for treatments.

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*(1) Local Work Groups are a collaboration of agricultural producers; owners of nonindustrial private forest land; representatives of agricultural and environmental organizations; and representatives of governmental agencies carrying out natural resource conservation programs and activities and are responsible for identifying conservation goals and natural resource concerns on the local (county) level.*

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*Come to our public meeting  
to learn more about forest health.*