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**From:** Rose, Sharon <shrose@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Rose, Sharon  
**Cc:** Rose, Sharon  
**Subject:** RE: Threemile WMA Forest Hab Restoration Project, Phase 2--Draft EA

Hi,

FWP has issued the decision notice (DN) for this proposal to conduct forested habitat restoration treatments (Phase 2) on approximately 1,492 acres within the Threemile Wildlife Management Area (TWMA) northeast of Stevensville in Ravalli County. The objectives of the treatments include improving elk and deer winter forage, restoring open-stand conditions dominated by large-diameter ponderosa pine, restoring a stand structure that would allow fire to burn at low severity appropriate for the habitat type, reducing fuel loading and susceptibility to bark beetle infestation, and promoting aspen growth and regeneration.

FWP completed the public review of this project and its associated draft environmental assessment (EA). In the DN, FWP explains its rationale for recommending that the Fish & Wildlife Commission approve the TWMA Forest Habitat Restoration Project (Phase Two) project. Upon completion of the public involvement process, and by inclusion of any changes and additions in this Decision Notice, FWP accepts the draft EA as final. The decision document also includes all public comments received during the public comment period on the proposed habitat restoration project.

The direct web link to this DN is: [http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/decisionNotices/pn\\_0934.html](http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/decisionNotices/pn_0934.html)

FWP will request approval for this proposal from the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25, 2019 in Helena. This meeting is open to the public, as are other regularly scheduled Commission meetings. (Earlier, this meeting had been scheduled for Bozeman but has just been changed to Helena.)

Thank you.

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**From:** Rose, Sharon  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 5:51 PM  
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Hi,  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) seeks public review of its proposal to conduct forested habitat restoration treatments on approximately 1,492 acres within the Threemile Wildlife Management Area (TWMA) northeast of Stevensville in Ravalli County. The objectives of the treatments are: 1) improve elk and deer winter forage, 2) restore open stand conditions dominated by large-diameter ponderosa pine, 3) restore a stand structure that would allow fire to burn at low severity appropriate for the habitat type, 4) reduce fuel loading, 5) reduce susceptibility to bark beetle infestation, and 6) promote aspen growth and regeneration.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared for this proposal, and it may be obtained by mail from Region 2 FWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula 59804; by phoning 406-542-5540; by emailing [shrose@mt.gov](mailto:shrose@mt.gov); or by viewing FWP's Internet website <http://fwp.mt.gov> ("News," then "Recent Public Notices," beginning February 15).

**Comments** may be made online on the EA webpage or may be directed by mail or email to the addresses above. **Comments** must be received by FWP **no later than March 18, 2019**.

**Direct weblink** to this proposal:

[http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmentalAssessments/developmentImprovementsAndEnhancements/pn\\_0392.html](http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmentalAssessments/developmentImprovementsAndEnhancements/pn_0392.html)

Thank you.

**Sharon Rose**

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