United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Missoula Field Office
3255 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, Montana 59804-7204
www.blm.gov/mt

In Reply Refer To:
5000 (MTB010)

JUN 0 7 2012

REF: EA# DOI-MT-BLM-B010-2012-0012

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Missoula Field Office has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed vegetation management treatment on public lands administered by the BLM in Granite County, Montana.

The Proposed Action includes the vegetation management treatment on BLM lands located approximately 2 miles northwest of Maxville, MT. The BLM plans to treat the proposed project area with a combination of mechanical vegetation augmentation and prescribed burning in order to restore the grassland ecosystem and reduce hazardous fuels within the wildland-urban interface.

We invite your comments on the enclosed EA # DOI-MT-BLM-B010-2012-0012. Your comments will be most helpful if they are received by June 25, 2012.

The BLM will consider substantive comments that do one or more of the following:

- question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EA;
- question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the EA;
- present new information relevant to the analysis;
- present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EA.

Comments that are not considered substantive and will not be addressed include the following:

- comments in favor of or against the proposed action or alternatives without reasoning that meet the criteria listed above for substantive comments;
- comments that only agree or disagree with BLM policy or resource information without justification or supporting data;
- comments that don't pertain to the project area or the project;
- comments that take the form of vague, open-ended questions or opinions.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information –may be made publically available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The document is available for electronic viewing on the internet at: http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/missoula_field_office.html. Written comments should be sent to:

Missoula Field Office
ATTN: Steve Hancock
3255 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804

If you would like to discuss this proposal and EA, please contact Steve Hancock at the BLM Missoula Field Office, (406) 329-3869.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Torquemada
Field Manager

2-Enclosures:
1-Environmental Assessment #DOI-MT-BLM-B010-2012-0012-EA
1-Unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact