

Public comments and associated information pertaining the Woods Ranch Timber Salvage Proposal Environmental Assessment. Comments are verbatim from original emails, except for the the phone conversation.

Name	Address	E-mail	Phone	Comment	Date Received	Support
Jerry Pressly	P.O. Bo 345 Kila, MT 59920	ajodog08@gmail.com		YES , Proceed with salvaging the usable timber , wise choice !!!!		Y
Jim Vashro	1837 Stag lane, Kalisell, MT 59901	jsivash@montanasky.us	406-270-9914	I have a few comments on the draft EA. I was south in the whitensh range the day of this windstorm, we left the woods to avoid either getting hit by falling trees or trapped behind downed trees on roads. it was pretty intense. I commend the EA on several points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear identification of the problem of blowdown restricting ungulate movement and foraging, heightened risk of insect infestation in the blowdown and increased danger of fire in the blowdown. • The focus on removing only downed or damaged trees and retention of standing healthy trees • Retention of wind-sturdy snags and broken trees that could become snags for wildlife habitat • Using the existing road system except for some short spur roads as needed that will be blocked and reclaimed • Rehabilitation of disturbed areas and seeding with native grasses to restore productivity and reduce erosion • Fast tracking this sale to harvest wood while it still retains some merchantable value. That will provide material for local mills and likely attract more bids 	2/14/2020	Y
				The only criticism I have is the reference in the EA that there is a heavy accumulation of downed trees across several Class 1 streams and SMZs that will be removed. The EA states that FWP has consulted with DNRC and "alternative treatments" as specified under Rule 10 of the SMZ law guidebook would be used to remove trees. That prompted me to look up the SMZ guidebook and alternative practices. I'm fine with the proposed removal, a few more sentences in the EA would have probably clarified the action and saved me from the extra research.		
				This draft EA serves as a great model for how to respond to environmental events and subsequent salvage sales. I support the proposed action (Alternative B) to conduct timber salvage treatments on 86 acres within the Woods Ranch WMA.		
Bert Otis	Emigrant	otisranch@wiswest.net		Dear Fish Wildlife & Parks Commission,	2/14/2020	Y
				I support Alternative B the Proposed Action to Salvage log the Blowdown Area at Wood's WMA. Looking at the pictures, if this doesn't get done, it will negatively affect the WMA for years to come. The plan looks good.		
Unknown		<a href="mailto:tfl9442<tf19441@blackfoot.net">tfl9442<tf19441@blackfoot.net		By all means log it	2/15/2020	Y
Twila Webb		montanagirl1966@gmail.com		I support the decision to responsibly log and manage the Kootenai Woods Ranch.	2/16/2020	Y
Denise Flesh	Eureka			Phone call supporting logging the property but are concerned about road access issues during the process.	2/18/2020	Y
Doug and Joan Mang	Eureka	burmamontana@hotmail.com		Hi Ethan:	2/21/2020	Y

				When we first contacted the Kalispell office at Fish, Wildlife, and Parks concerning the downed trees on the Burma Road last fall, we very much appreciated you responding to our call and were thankful that you had the trees cleared from the road so quickly.		
				We were also glad when we received your postcard on the above salvage project. Please include this email for any updates that we would need to be aware of. We do have a couple of questions we would like you to answer.		
				We would like to know how this project will impact our road for ingress and egress during the process, for example, will there be days that we will not be able to go in or out. Also, year before last the private property owners who utilize the easement went together to have the easement road graded and graveled from the right-hand turn at 4005 Burma to the Gould Road. The road was in very nice condition until the blow-down occurred. We are wondering what your intentions are concerning the road after the timber salvage project is completed.		
				Would appreciate your keeping us informed.		
				Sincerely,		
				Doug and Joan Mangum		
Mike Righetti		bonesrighetti@hotmail.com		I think it is a great idea to clean up the blowdown for many reasons listed. GO FOR IT	2/24/2020	Y
Laura Evilsizer		Laura.Evilsizer@mt.gov		There are cultural resources in the vicinity of the proposed Woods Ranch Wildlife Management Area Timber Blowdown Salvage Project. The MTSHPD office looks forward to working with you regarding these resources and the Montana Antiquities Act.	2/21/2020	NA