

9200

Dear Public Land User:

The Bureau of Land Management Billings Field Office and the Eastern Montana Fire Zone are proposing to conduct a hazard fuels reduction project on BLM-administered public lands in the Horsethief area west of Roundup, Montana. An environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared for the project.

The enclosed notice describes the project and initiates the analysis process for the Horsethief Hazard Fuels Reduction Project.

You are invited to attend a public meeting to learn more about the proposed project and help identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the environmental analysis. The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Central School in Roundup, 600 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, at 7 p.m. on February 12, 2003.

Your comments are important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will keep you informed about the project and send you the environmental analysis documents for your review and comment.

Please note that comments, including names, email addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, should be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

For more information, contact Brad Sauer, Eastern Montana Fire Zone, at 406/233-2873, or Sandy Brooks or Jay Parks, Billings Field Office, at 406/896-5013.

Sincerely,

Field Manager