

CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Project Name Little Trout Post & Pole Proposed Implementation Date: 8/92
 Proponent Montana Department of State Lands Field Ops. Div.
 Type and Purpose of Action The Department is proposing the sale of 47 acres of post, rail and grape stake material from Section 16 T5N R14W. This harvesting operation would generate revenue for the Trust while thinning out an overstocked stand of Lodgepole Pine.

Location Section 16 T5N R14W County Granite

N = Not present or No Impact will occur
 Y = Impacts may occur (explain under Potential Impacts)

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
1. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	[Y] The access road is built on tertiary soils of mainly Gravelly Silty Clay Loams and Silt Loams. The clayey soils will rut easily if operated on when wet. Purchaser will not be allowed to operate during periods of prolonged rain.
2. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality?	[N]
3. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?	[Y] Slash will be piled by the purchaser and burned by the State. Burning will be done in compliance with the State Airshed Working Group.
4. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?	[N]
5. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there significant use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?	[N] There is significant use of this section by both Elk and Deer. By using a 10' to 12' spacing, hiding cover will be maintained. <i>Correspondence with Dan Hook, Biologist, DFW&P.</i>
6. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Species of special concern?	[N]
7. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?	[N]
8. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographic feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?	[N]
9. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project?	[N]
10. IMPACTS ON OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	[N]

23. Public Involvement, Agencies, Groups or Individuals contacted I contacted the
1- Grazing Lessee, Ed Lord, 2- Lincoln Lodgepole, Mark Hough, 3- Information was used
from the Little Trout Creek Timber Sale E.A., Specifically soils data from Jeff Collins,
DSL Soil Scientist, and Bill Schultz, DSL Hydrologist.

24. Other Governmental Agencies with Jurisdiction, List of Permits Needed.

No other permits are required.

25. Magnitude and Significance of Potential Impacts.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis:

EIS More Detailed EA No Further Analysis

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LITTLE TROUT CREEK T. S.

KEY:

Reconstruction =====

Sec 16 T5N R14W

New Construction - - - - -

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scale: 8" = 1 mile

Drain Dips ~ ~ ~

Cutting Units ———

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Bridges x x

