

**September 27, 2011**

Kanduch Logging Inc.  
48 Woodland Lane  
Philipsburg, MT 59858

Ref: Bauer et al. Lodgepole Pine Salvage SMZ AP

Dear Mr. Kanduch,

This letter is in reference to a request made by Joe Kanduch of Kanduch Logging Inc. to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for an Alternative Practice. This AP is located on private land along the Middle Fork of Rock Creek in T5N, R15W, Secs. 29 & 32 (see attached map) in Granite County. After a visit to the proposed Alternative Practice site this request has been approved. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Only a feller-buncher may enter the 50 foot buffer and will be done in a straight-in and straight-out manner.
- 2) Feller-buncher will operate no closer than 15 feet to the ordinary high water mark and only on slopes less than 15%. Stream segments that are greater than 15% in slope may be hand-felled.
- 3) Buncher felled trees will be placed outside of 50 foot buffer for skidding.
- 4) All trees other than lodgepole pine will be retained inside the Streamside Management Zone.
- 5) Operations only occur when ground is <20% moisture content; or frozen to four inches or snow covered to eight inches.
- 6) Disturbed areas inside the SMZ will be grass seeded.
- 7) All SMZ's and 15 foot boundaries will be marked prior to harvest.

Approved Alternative Practices, including any additional conditions required by DNRC, shall have the same force and authority as the standards contained in 77-5-303, MCA, and shall be enforceable by DNRC under 77-5-305, MCA, to the same extent as such standards.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your operators understand that an Alternative Practice has been issued for their operations in this area, and that these conditions must be fully met to achieve compliance with the SMZ Law.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sean Steinebach  
Service Forester

cc: HRA file, Landowner, Applicant,  
Unit Office, Land Office,  
Service Forestry Bureau