

HOUSE BILL NO. 594

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RELATED TO GRANTS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Exemption from environmental review.** The department is exempt from the provisions of Title 75, chapter 1, parts 1 and 2, when granting federal, state, or private funds for authorized grant activities on private, county, or municipal lands to conserve habitat, reduce wildfire risk, or improve forest health.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 76, chapter 13, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 13, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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