PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Plains Unit, is in the process of planning a timber sale. The proposed project is called the North Meadow Timber Sale and is located in the Meadow Creek drainage area, approximately 30 air miles northwest of Plains, Montana on Section 28, Township 25 North, Range 27 West. This sale is being considered since an outbreak of Douglas-fir Beetle has been detected. If approved, this sale would likely sell in the winter of 2015 and is projected to produce approximately 1.0 million board feet of sawlog volume.

This sale is being considered to generate revenue for the Common Schools (CS) Trust Fund and to harvest trees that have been infested with the Douglas fir beetle along those infected with mistletoe and root diseases. The sale will most likely involve selective and regenerative harvest prescriptions using ground and cable based systems. The project may include some new road construction along with minor improvement to existing roads.

In this early stage of the planning process for this timber sale, we are evaluating and identifying environmental and social concerns. We are asking your assistance in this process by letting us know what ideas, issues, and concerns you may have with regard to resource management in the area. Additional information relating to this project is available at the Plains Office. To ensure your comments are included in the planning process, please submit them to the Plains Unit office by Friday, September 18, 2015.

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