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## Initial Proposal No Tellum Timber Sale 7/30/2024

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Kalispell Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcel:

## Section 16, Township 26N, Range 25W

The No Tellum Timber Sale is located approximately 12 miles southwest of Marion, MT.

The primary objectives of the project are to:

- Sanitize the stand of severe insect and disease infestation (such as dwarf mistletoe and bark beetles).
- Reduce fuels and hazards associated with wildfire to promote resiliency and protection for numerous nearby homes.
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust.
- Promote and regenerate a healthy and productive forest.

The proposed timber sale would produce approximately 770 thousand board feet of timber from 96 acres using a sanitation/ seedtree harvest prescription. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Maintenance and improvements will occur on approximately 5.8 miles of existing road. This section will also receive a pre-commercial thinning treatment under house bill 883 funding. Noxious weed management, pile burning, slashing, planting and site preparation activities may occur after harvest operations are completed.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes, acreages and road distances are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, silviculturists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by 8/30/2024 to:

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