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We are writing to request your input on the proposed **Crystal Cedar Project**. The project area is on National Forest System lands north of Columbia Falls and west of the Flathead River, and includes Crystal Creek, Cedar Flats, Spoon Lake, Blankenship Road, and Teakettle Mountain.

We included you on the mailing list for this project because you own land adjacent to the project area or have expressed interest in the project. After mailing a request for information in November 2017, we heard from many of you about your thoughts for management within the Crystal Cedar project area. The interdisciplinary team used information gathered from the public and field reviews to develop this proposed action.

The project would address multiple resource objectives including: providing sustainable trail-based recreation opportunities close to local communities; reducing tree densities and fuel loadings within the wildland-urban interface; improving the diversity and resilience of forest vegetative communities and associated wildlife habitat; and providing a mix of forest products to contribute to economic sustainability.

A public open house to provide further information about this project will occur on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, from 6-8 p.m. at the Teakettle Community Room (235 Nucleus Avenue, Columbia Falls, MT 59912). We will present an overview of the project at 6 p.m. and resource specialists will be available to answer your questions about the project.

The proposed action can be accessed at the project Web site: [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52844](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52844). Hard copies of the proposed action documents are available for review at the Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger Station (10 Hungry Horse Drive, Hungry Horse, MT, 59919) or by request.

Your comments on the proposed action are important because we will use them to refine our proposed activities and inform our environmental analysis. Please provide comments on the proposed action by **November 16, 2018**. If you do not have any site-specific comments at this time, but would like to receive information about the project, please let us know via email, mail, or phone so we can add you to the contact list. We will conduct an environmental analysis this winter, which will be available for additional public comment, and are working towards a final decision by September 2019.

Because of the large amount of research regarding forestry practices and methods, if you cite literature in your comments, please provide us with a complete bibliography and a copy of the referenced materials.

Electronic input may be submitted to: [comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us) with "Crystal Cedar Project" in the subject line. Acceptable formats include MS Word, RTF, or PDF.

Please send written input to:

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Oral comments can be provided at the Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger Station during normal business hours via telephone or in person. Normal business hours are 8:00 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday, excluding holidays.

Input received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record, and will be available for public inspection.

Please contact Sarah Canepa, project team leader, if you would like more information about the project at (406) 387-3800 or [scanepa@fs.fed.us](mailto:scanepa@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Davies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Davies" clearly distinguishable.

ROBERT DAVIES  
Hungry Horse-Glacier View District Ranger