

**United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management**

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**DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0058-CX**

**DECISION RECORD**

**PINE HILL FIRE SALVAGE**

*Location:*

**Wibaux County  
T. 12., R. 57 E., Section 20 SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>**

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**DECISION**

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**Decision and Rationale on Action**

I have decided to implement this action of removing hazard trees in the Cedar Creek Anticline area. The trees would be removed by cutting the merchantable trees down with chain saws and cutting up the remaining biomass to increase decomposition time of remaining fuels. No new roads will be created; the use of skidder and or John Deere tractor with front end loader may be used to extract trees from the project area. Trees will be cut and removed when ground is frozen.

In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (as documented in the attached CX, NEPA Compliance [Section C]).

**Implementation Date**

This project will be implemented on or after February 8, 2016 and will continue until project is completed. Estimated project completion time 1 week.

/s/ Wendy Warren

Signature  
Wendy Warren  
Acting Miles City Field Manager

1/27/2016

Date

**Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities**

*APPEAL OPPORTUNITIES: The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Public notification of this decision will be considered to have occurred on (Include the date that Decision was signed). Within 30 days of this decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at (address of the authorized officer). If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the authorized officer.*

*If you wish to file a petition for stay pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.21(b) (or cite applicable programmatic rules for petition for stay), the petition for stay should accompany your notice of appeal and shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:*

- 1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,*
- 2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,*
- 3. The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and*
- 4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.*

*If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the authorized officer.*

*A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Field Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2021 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 112, Billings, Montana 59101, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the authorized officer and/or IBLA.*

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