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subscribed to the **GOLD BUTTERFLY PROJECT** for the Bitterroot National Forest. This information has been updated, and is now available.

December 17, 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Forest Service has prepared a Draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Gold Butterfly project. The Gold Butterfly project area is located within Ravalli County, Montana on the Stevensville and Darby Districts of the Bitterroot National Forest. The project area encompasses roughly 55,147 acres of National Forest System lands and is located east of Corvallis, MT between Burnt Fork Creek to the south and Burnt Fork Creek to the north.

The Record of Decision provides the rationale for selecting Alternative 2, modified. Project activities include commercial and non-commercial logging, prescribed fire, and road and trailhead management. The proposed project would be implementing the 1987 Land Management Plan Amendment, Project-specific amendment and is authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. The Responsible Official for the project is the Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor.

The Gold Butterfly Project is subject to the Project-Level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process, "Objection Process," pursuant to 36 CFR Parts A and C. This document, instructions on the opportunity to object and the FEIS/FSEIS may be viewed and downloaded on the web at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51486>.

Objections are only accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted written comments regarding the proposal unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, e-mail, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Northern Region, Federal Building, Building 26 Fort

Bozeman, MT 59804; FAX: 406-329-3411 or electronically with an email to appeals-northern-regional-office@usda.gov. Please type "Project Objection" in the subject line.

must be submitted within 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Ravalli Republic (newspaper of record). The date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should refer to the dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

For additional information concerning the draft decision, contact Steve Brown, District Ranger, email: steve.brown2@usda.gov or by phone.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in this project.

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