

# Save Our Gallatin Front (SOGF) Position Statement

## On DNRC's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

for their Proposed Limestone West Timber Sale

*SOGF believes that DNRC's consistent use of a macro-scope project analysis as its basis of evaluation in the DEIS greatly minimizes the significant wildlife dislocations and environmental impact that logging the Limestone and No-Name creek drainages would have on this last remaining roadless, unspoiled slice of our Gallatin Front.*

### **DNRC's Action Alternative A**

600 acres/73% clear cut, yielding *only* \$189,600 to trust beneficiaries, 9.24 miles new roads construction, logging abutting Triple Tree Trail

SOGF *soundly rejects* this option because:

- Forest destruction abutting Triple Tree Trail and extensive road construction will decimate roadless wildlife refuge/corridor and negatively impact users' Triple Tree Trail experience
- It would allow creation of recreational connectivity between Triple Tree Trail and new/existing logging roads that will permanently displace wildlife and destroy the wildlife refuge/corridor
- Limestone West is last remaining wild, unspoiled slice of the Gallatin Front providing an intact wildlife habitat that should be preserved for future generations

### **DNRC's Action Alternative B**

375 acres/71% clear cut, yielding *only* \$130,478 to trust beneficiaries, 6.5 miles new road construction, unlogged buffer next to Triple Tree Trail

SOGF believes this option is clearly preferable to Alternative A, BUT still should be opposed because:

- Forest destruction and unreclaimed road construction will damage roadless wildlife refuge/corridor into Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
- New and existing roads create recreational connectivity permanently displacing wildlife and destroying wildlife refuge/corridor
- Limestone West is last remaining wild, unspoiled slice of the Gallatin Front providing an intact wildlife habitat that should be preserved for future generations

### **DNRC's Action Alternative C**

Conservation License-No Logging or Road Construction

SOGF believes the 10-year term of the Conservation License must be lengthened to equal the post-logging regeneration period to be a viable option, one that is realistic so as to allow for successful fundraising.