

## ***Hello Save Our Gallatin Front Supporters!***

We wanted to update you on the action that Earthjustice has undertaken on our behalf, per our request, in response to the green light the Land Board gave on the Limestone West Timber Sale.

Yesterday, 1-22-19, the Land Board unanimously decided to proceed with the Limestone West Timber Sale, which means there would now be an auction in which timber companies as well as Conservation License holders (SOGF) would blind bid on the timber sale, top bid winning.

There were almost a dozen supporters representing logging interests present at the Land Board meeting, including logging companies, the logging association, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, all of which spoke in favor of proceeding with the logging of Limestone West. You can listen to the proceedings here:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/landboard/meeting-archive>

SOGF strongly disagrees with the terms of the proposed conservation license (see DNRC's Final Environmental Impact Statement and Appendices for details both in its term and in its requirement that the license holder pay all of the costs and stumpage fees associated with an actual logging operation <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/forest-management/limestone-west/limestone-west-environmental-documents>.)

In response, Earthjustice filed a complaint in Gallatin County on January 22 and has released a Press Release. (See link boxes near the top of the page on [saveourgallatinfront.org](http://saveourgallatinfront.org) to read both.)

***OUR GALLATIN FRONT NEEDS YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER!***

**What you can do:**

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR LETTER TO THE EDITOR *SUPPORTING SOGF'S EFFORTS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN LOGGIN BIDDERS AND CONSERVATION LICENSE BIDDERS.***

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