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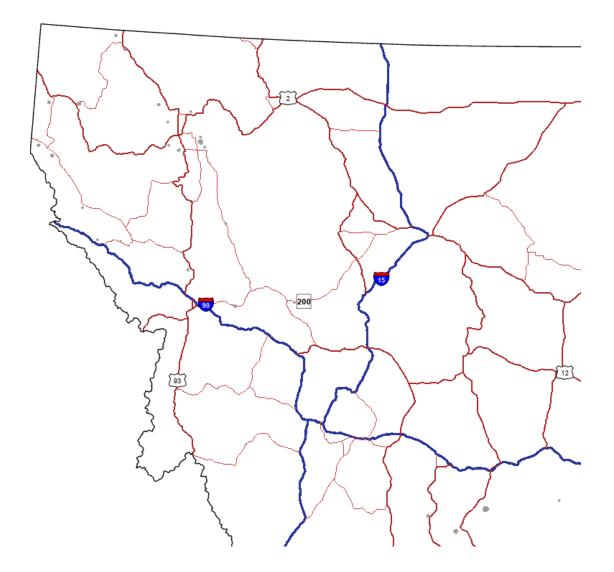


2024 Forest Stewardship Monitoring

Forestry Program

Twenty-four mandatory monitoring visits were drawn by the USFS for 2024. Ten visits were completed in 2023, these were also re-inspected for Tree Farm at the same time. There were two properties that could not be monitored, both were unable to get a time scheduled this year and will likely happen next year. Four properties were sold and unable to be monitored. In addition to the eight mandatory monitoring visits completed, ten optional visits were completed in coordination with MT Tree Farm. MSU Extension Forestry paid \$200 per monitoring to advisors if the visit included monitoring, and the advisor/inspector did not do the visit as part of their job and requested payment.

2024 Total: 18 monitored; 2,612 acres



Part 2. Landowner Objectives

- 1. Aesthetics (12)
- 2. Agroforestry (2)
- 3. Archeological, Cultural, Historic Sites (2)
- 4. Biological Diversity (10)
- 5. Carbon (1)
- 6. Fire (12)
- 7. Fish and Wildlife (8)
- 8. Forest Health (11)
- 9. Recreation Opportunity (2)
- 10. Soil (0)
- 11. Timber (2)
- 12. Threatened and Endangered Species (0)
- 13. Tree Growth and Regeneration (9)
- 14. Water (1)
- 15. Wetlands (1)

Part 3. Primary Resource Objectives Managed

- 1. Aesthetics (9)
- 2. Agroforestry (2)
- 3. Archeological, Cultural, Historic Sites (0)
- 4. Biological Diversity (6)
- 5. Carbon (0)
- 6. Fire (14)
- 7. Fish and Wildlife (6)
- 8. Forest Health (15)
- 9. Recreation Opportunity (6)
- 10. Soil (4)
- 11. Timber (7)
- 12. Threatened and Endangered Species (3)
- 13. Tree Growth and Regeneration (12)
- 14. Water (7)
- 15. Wetlands (3)

Part 4. Were there factors leading to difficulty in managing the property consistent with the Forest Stewardship Plan? If so, check all that apply

- 1. Catastrophic Natural Events (2)
- 2. Ownership Interest/Objective Change (1)
- 3. Change in Ownership (0)
- 4. Lack of Cost-Share Availability (1)
- 5. Lack of time (11)
- 6. Lack of Markets/Loggers (2)
- 7. Lack of conservation Contractors (0)
- 8. Landowner Budget/Cost Escalation (3)
- 9. Lack of Technical Assistance (1)
- 10. Plan Deactivated (0)

Part 5. Educational topics landowner is interested in learning more about through the MSU Extension Forestry Master Forest Stewardship Program

- 1. Fire (4)
- 2. Insect and Disease (11)
- 3. Understory Plants/Range (2)
- 4. Harvesting/Silviculture (1)
- 5. Estate Planning (4)
- 6. Wildlife (3)
- 7. Riparian/Wetland (3)
- 8. Roads (0)
- 9. GPS/GIS (0)
- 10. Soils (0)
- 11. Small Equipment (0)
- 12. Finance/Grants/Taxes (3)
- 13. Other: Burn Piles/Prescribed Burning (2)

Prefer to attend

In-person (8)

Online (6)

Either (1)

No-Answer (3)

Part 6. Briefly list forest activities completed since the Forest Management Plan was completed or last visit.

**Cost Share Used by 6 Ownerships (EQIP, County, DNRC)

| Activity | # | Unit of |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Ownerships | Measure |
| Harvesting | 15 | 533 acres |
| Tree Planting | 9 | 339 acres |
| Pre-Commercial Thinning | 6 | 173 acres |
| Road Maintenance | 7 | 9 miles |
| Insect and Disease Mangement | 6 | 420 acres |
| Weed Managment | 10 | 219 acres |
| Fire Resilience/hazard Fuel Reduction | 7 | 375 acres |
| Building/Home Site Defensible Space | 7 | 16 acres |
| Forest Aesthetics | 7 | 200 acres |
| Riparian | 2 | 2 acres |
| Air, Water and Soil Protection | 4 | 72 acres |
| Fish, Wildlife and Biodiversity | 5 | 453 acres |
| Threatened and Endangered Species | 2 | 209 acres |
| Grazing | 3 | 39 acres |
| Recreation | 7 | 1,366 acres |
| Special Sites | 1 | 1 acre |

Briefly list forest activities planned for the future.

| Activity | # | Unit of |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| - | Ownerships | Measure |
| Harvesting | 8 | 135 acres |
| Tree Planting | 3 | 52 acres |
| Pre-Commercial Thinning | 5 | 83 acres |
| Road Maintenance | 3 | 1 mile |
| Insect and Disease Mangement | 5 | 86 acres |
| Weed Managment | 11 | 898 acres |
| Fire Resilience/hazard Fuel Reduction | 8 | 192 acres |
| Building/Home Site Defensible Space | 5 | 10 acres |
| Forest Aesthetics | 6 | 80 acres |
| Riparian | 4 | 13 acres |
| Air, Water and Soil Protection | 5 | 210 acres |
| Fish, Wildlife and Biodiversity | 3 | 36 acres |
| Threatened and Endangered Species | 2 | 1,095 acres |
| Grazing | 2 | 35 acres |
| Recreation | 6 | 316 acres |
| Special Sites | 1 | 5 acres |