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2022 Forest Stewardship Monitoring

Eighteen mandatory monitoring visits were randomly drawn by the USFS for 2022. Seventeen were completed, nine of which were also Tree Farm so were re-inspected for Tree Farm at the same time. Nine could not be completed and were replaced with other participants. Of those that could not be completed, two were unavailable and five no longer owned the property, and two were deceased. Twenty-six additional plans were monitored in conjunction with Tree Farm re-inspections.

In 2022 MT Tree Farm started to pay inspectors \$100 per reinspection. MSU Extension Forestry changed their payment of \$200 to \$100 per monitoring and made the payment available to all Stewardship advisors and Tree Farm inspectors who completed a monitoring. Prior to this, only Stewardship advisors could be compensated. If the visit included monitoring, the advisor/inspector was paid the \$100 from MSU-EF, if the inspection did not include monitoring the payment was made by MT Tree Farm.

Twenty-one mandatory monitoring visits were randomly drawn by the USFS for 2022. Seventeen were completed, eight of which were also Tree Farm so were reinspected at the same time. Seventeen were monitored in conjunction with Tree Farm re-certifications. Twenty-five additional monitoring visits were completed in cooperation with Tree Farm.

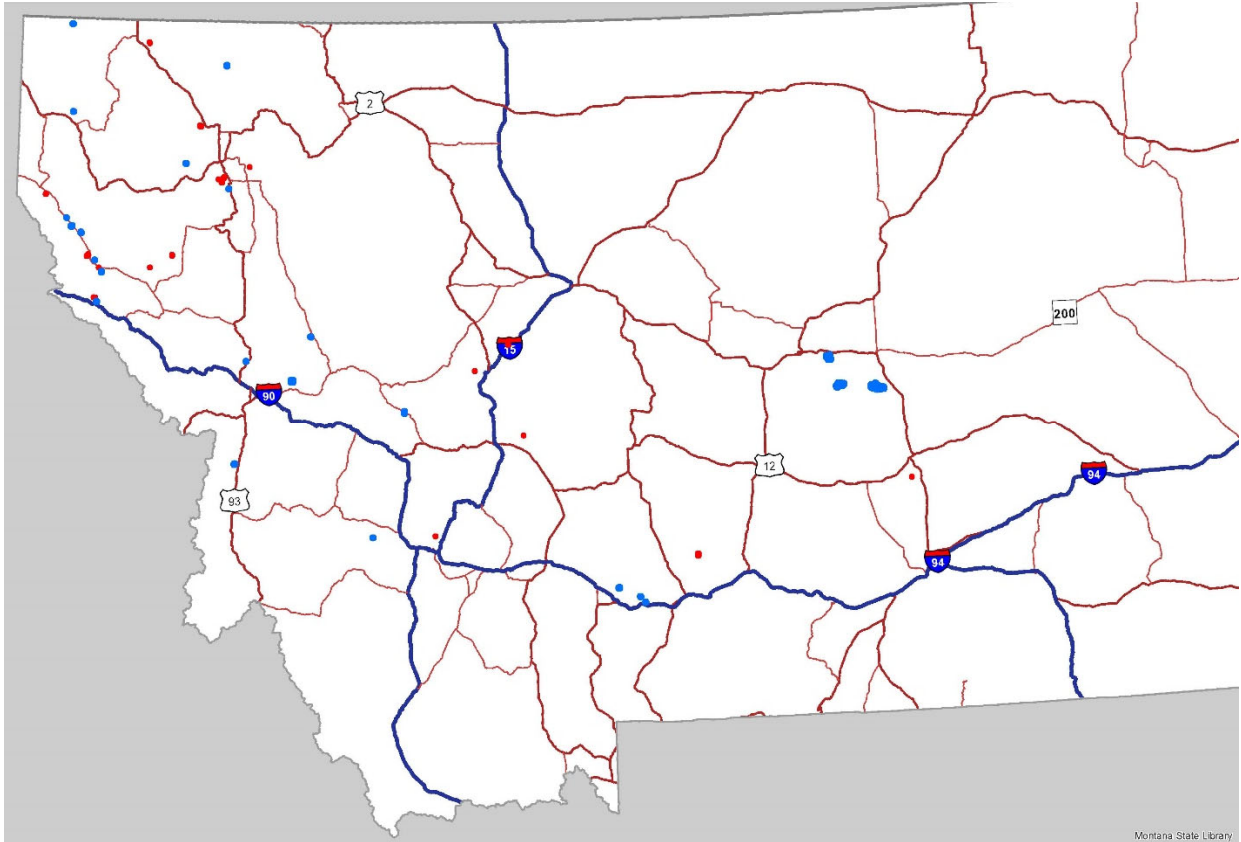
Total: 42 monitored, 5,800 acres

Stewardship mandatory - 17 Ownerships 1,436 acres

Stew/TF – 26 Ownerships 4,364 acres

Additional Stew/TF – 22 Ownerships 4,364 acres

10 declined (transferred ownership, deceased, or not available)



Landowner still has the original plan: 42

(41 included in summary below)

Part 2. Landowner Objectives-top 4

1. Fire (35)
1. Forest Health (35)
2. Fish/Wildlife (15)
3. Aesthetics (11)

Part 3. Primary Resource Objectives Managed-top 4

1. Forest Health (37)
2. Fire (36)
3. Tree Growth and Regeneration (22)
4. Aesthetics (17)

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

19 - lack of time

10 - catastrophic natural events

9 - lack of cost-share availability

- 9 - lack of markets/loggers
- 10 - landowner budget or cost escalation
- 4 - lack of technical assistance
- 2 - change in ownership interest/objective change

Part 5. Briefly list forest activities completed since the Forest Management Plan was completed or last visit.

Cost Share Used by 12

Activity	# Ownerships	Approx. Acres	Cost Share
Harvesting	27	819	2- EQIP
Tree planting	17	643	3- EQIP
Pre-commercial thin	14	344	3- EQIP
Road Maintenance	12	239 miles	0
Insect & disease mgmt.	8	95	0
Weed mgmt.	20	2,017	3 – County, DNRC
Fire Resilience/Haz fuel red	23	610	0
Build/Home site defensible space	17	78	1-NRCS, DNRC
Forest Aesthetics	7	135	0
Riparian	4	13	0
Air, water & soil protection	5	95	0
Fish, wildlife and biodiversity	9	35	0
Threatened/endangered	2	207	0
Grazing	8	4,385	0
Recreation	11	4,215	0
Special Sites	2	14	0

Management activities are planned in the near future (Note: not all included acreage):

Activity	# Ownerships	Approx. Acres	Cost Share
Commercial Harvesting	20	1,402	1-EQIP
Tree planting	6	291	1-FSA
Pre-commercial thin	12	238	2-NRCS
Road Maintenance	3	17 miles	0
Insect & disease mgmt.	6	281	0
Weed control	17	539	0
Fire Resilience/Haz fuel red	16	240	1-Title 3
Defensible space	6	10	0
Forest Aesthetics	3	250	0
Riparian/Wetland	2	60	0
Air, Water, Soil Protection	2	280	0
Fish/Wildlife habitat conservation	3	43	0
Threatened/endangered	1	80	0
Grazing	3	175	0
Recreation	7	305	0
Special Sites	2	21	0

Prefer to attend

In-person or Online – 6 (included are those who chose both)

In-person - 15

Online - 24

Part 5

Educational topics landowner is interested in learning more about through the MSU

Extension Forestry Master Forest Stewardship Program

14 – Wildfire Hazard Reduction

24 - Insect & Disease

13– Understory plants/range

7 –Harvesting/Silviculture

8 – Estate Planning

15- Wildlife Habitat

9– Riparian/Wetland

3 – Roads

3 - GPS

1– Soils

3 - small equipment for logging

10 – Finance/Grants/Taxes