

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Title III Fuel Mitigation Requests

Notice is hereby given that a proposal for allocation of Missoula County funds for the purpose of fuels mitigation projects was put before the Board of County Commissioners on January 11, 2012. The funds originate from the federal government as part of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and are being spent under Title III of that Act.

The following allocations are proposed:

To mitigate the effects of wildfire by supporting Firewise Communities Programs, including cost sharing on fuels mitigation projects:

\$25,000 to Missoula Rural Fire District;

\$25,000 to Frenchtown Rural Fire District;

\$25,000 to Seeley Lake Rural Fire Department;

\$25,000 to Swan Ecosystem;

\$20,000 to Missoula City Fire Department.

Agencies receiving these allocations must have the funds spent by September 30, 2012, or those funds will revert to Missoula County for re-allocation by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners will act on these proposals at their regularly scheduled Weekly Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Missoula County Courthouse Annex.

Any person wishing to be heard on the matter may submit written or other materials to the Commissioners and/or speak at the hearing. Comments may also be submitted anytime prior to the hearing by phone, mail, fax or personal delivery to the Commissioners at their offices in the Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802, Fax (406) 721-4043 email bcc@co.missoula.mt.us.

Additional information on the proposals may be obtained from Chris Lounsbury, Emergency Services Manager, 200 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802; or by calling (406) 258-4469.

DATED THIS 11 DAY OF January, 2012.

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

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