

Northern Region/ Custer Gallatin National Forest

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DRAFT Layout for Mosquito Gulch and Plateau Timber Sales

South Plateau Landscape Area Treatment Project

The first two timber sales in the South Plateau Landscape Area Treatment Project have been named "Mosquito Gulch" and "Plateau". To test the process of using the Treatment Matrix, Design Features, and Resource Review Checklists (EA Appendices A-C), the sales were preliminarily laid out. Field testing the draft Design Features resulted in revisions to improve resource protection while meeting the need for action. Preliminary sale lay-outs may be modified in response to public comments or consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sale layouts were prioritized based on stand vulnerability to insects and disease. The first two sales could occur concurrently in the Henry's Lake #2 Bear Management Subunit (Mosquito Gulch Sale), and the Plateau #1 Subunit (Plateau Sale). Contracts could be awarded in the year the decision is signed, which is expected in 2023. The preliminary layout for the Mosquito Gulch sale currently totals about 1,943 acres and 9 miles of temporary project roads. The preliminary layout for the Plateau sale currently totals about 1,792 acres and 12 miles of temporary project roads. The Forest anticipates a contract length of five years for each sale during which treatments will be implemented and temporary roads will be built, used, then obliterated and rehabilitated.





