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Comments: I am writing to comment on the Fridley Foothills Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project in the Yellowstone Ranger District.

The notice says the Forest Service expects to use a Categorical Exclusion under Section 603 of HFRA, with the project still Pre NEPA. It gives no acreage, no treatment prescriptions, and no explanation of how the project meets the limits of that exclusion. Without those, the public cannot check whether this exclusion is appropriate, and the agency has not shown its case.

The notice also leaves other gaps. The Project Purpose lists Forest products alongside fuels and vegetation management, but gives no volume or road needs (Project Overview). The stated need, resilience to insects and disease and hazardous fuel reduction, comes with no stand or fuels data (Fridley Foothills Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project). The location is described only loosely, and the Gallatin and Park county listing does not match the Park County description (Location Summary). The milestone dates for NEPA start and decision are blank (Project Milestones).

I ask the Forest Service to publish the project acreage, maps, treatment types, and expected timber volume, and to explain how the project meets Section 603 criteria. I ask it to provide the stand and fuels data supporting the need, to reconcile the project location, and to set clear dates for comment and decision. If it cannot show that the exclusion applies, I ask it to prepare an EA or EIS and analyze effects on wildlife, water, and recreation.