



Forest Stewardship Subcommittee

The forests of the Swan Valley are some of the most diverse and productive in Montana. They play a vital role in sustaining the Valley's ecosystems, the local economy, and our sense of well being. The Forest Stewardship Subcommittee brings public and private land owners and managers together to ensure that the forests of the Swan Valley continue to support a local wood products industry, healthy wildlife populations, diverse native plant communities and ample recreational opportunities. The group looks to enhance community involvement in public forestland management and encourages the use of local contractors in public and private forest stewardship projects whenever possible.

Forest Stewardship on Private Lands

Swan Ecosystem Center provides small grants to help private landowners develop and implement long-term forest management and stewardship projects that reduce forest fire fuels around homes, improve forest structure and health, and may create some economic gain. These projects are designed around the natural resource values and ecological functions of the forested property and the landowner's specific goals that guide them and the contractors they hire when completing specific management actions.

Forest Stewardship on Public Lands

Swan Ecosystem Center offers field tours and public meetings to improve understanding among land management agencies and the public about National Forest and State Forest activities in the Swan Valley. When a diverse group of citizens is involved at the early stages of planning and the agencies and citizens are receptive to information and new ideas, better and more effective land management can be the result.

Ongoing Forest Projects:

White Porcupine - DNRC

Meadow Smith – USFS

Summit Salvage – USFS

Lions Paw Stewardship – USFS

Hemlock Elk Stewardship – USFS

Cooney McKay Stewardship – USFS

Miss'n Dog Stewardship – USFS

CFLRP Forest Health – Verbenone, carbaryl, fuels reduction, noxious weed treatment, whitebark pine sowing, Swan River bridge replacement, prescribed burns, Condon Loop wetland restoration, wetland restoration projects, invasive species mitigation, and trail restoration. USFS

Upcoming Forest Projects:

Scout Lake Timber Harvest – DNRC

Glacier Loon – USFS

Cold Jim – USFS

Bug Creek – USFS

Beaver – USFS

Piper – USFS

CFLRP forest and watershed restoration project work valued \approx \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2012. USFS

The Swan Lands Forest Stewardship Committee meets quarterly. Public participation is welcome.