



## 2023 Environmental Analysis Review Form

### Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs

Review of Routine Impact Projects

### Project Overview

**Organization Applying for Funds:** Yaak Valley Forest Council

**Project Name:** YVFC 2023 Blacktail Creek and Dodge Summit Trails Maintenance and Weed Abatement

**Project Summary:** Trail maintenance and noxious weed abatement along 10.2 miles of trail in remote northwest Montana

**Project Location:** US Forest Service, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Ranger District

### Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

### FWP Notes:

#### Trail Maintenance

1. Full Trail Work - Late June 2023 - Early August 2023
  1. YVFC field crew will rough-out the trail, using chainsaws, handsaws, pulaskis, shovels, rockbars, and other necessary equipment to maintain the trail corridor. Based on YVFC's previous experience on this trail, this task should be completed by the end of July 2023, depending on snowpack and associated streamflow.
  2. Identify sites for targeted treatment of noxious and invasive weeds at the trailhead and within the trail corridor on proposed sections of trail (see attached Trail Profile maps). Site identification will occur concurrent with trail maintenance.
2. Light Trail Maintenance - August 2023

1. YVFC field crew will “button up” the trail using loppers, pruners, and hand saws to clear the trail corridor of branches and will thrash any grass or shrubs within the corridor to clearly delineate the trail. Cairns will be constructed as needed. This task will be complete when the trail corridor meets the standards for a Class 2 minor development trail.

Weed Abatement - July 2023 - September 2023

## EA Review

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