



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



36.11.227 STEEP SLOPE/PARTIAL CUT UNITS SMA

- (1) For this SMA:
 - (a) A partial cut occurring on a slope greater than 40% may be treated as an SMA when there is advanced regeneration or a manageable overstory that the owner wishes to save. The area must meet the following requirements:
 - (i) The entire SMA must be lopped such that 90% of all slash, three inches or less in diameter, is reduced to a height of 24 inches or less above the ground.
 - (ii) The boundaries of the SMA must be treated as follows:
 - (A) The top of the unit must have a 100-foot wide fuel break which may include the road prism from the top of the cut bank to the bottom of the fill slope.
 - (B) The sides of the unit must be treated so as to meet the general standard for a minimum width of 33 feet.
 - (iii) The bottom boundary of the unit must be treated to the same standards as required for the sides, if the bottom boundary of an SMA coincides with a change in land ownership.
 - (iv) All required boundary treatments must be completed entirely on the ownership of the person or entity doing the harvesting, unless otherwise approved by the department.

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Implementing statute(s): 76-13-403, 76-13-406, 76-13-407, 76-13-408 and 76-13-410, MCA

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