



United States Department of Agriculture

Northern Region Post-Fire Response

Bi-weekly update – July 24, 2018

This update highlights post-fire harvest throughout the U.S. Forest Service - Northern Region following the 2017 fire season.

Lolo NF

The **Sunrise** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales, Smoked Trout and Smokey Quartz. The Smoked Trout timber sale was sold on July 12 and implementation has begun. The Smokey Quartz timber sale will advertise starting August 3, with a scheduled bid opening of August 16.

The **Sheep Gap** Fire Salvage project Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) request was granted on July 12. The planning team is currently responding to comments received, and further refining the analysis prior to a decision being signed.

The public comment period has closed for the **Rice Ridge** Fire Salvage EA. The planning team is currently analyzing and responding to comments received. The Rice Ridge ESD request is being prepared for evaluation by the Washington Office, and will be submitted for approval following completion of public comment review.

Planning for the **Liberty** Fire Salvage Project, which heretofore has been hindered by access issues due to flooding, is now underway.

Kootenai NF

The **West Fork** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project has been divided into two timber sales, West Pipe and Pipe Bull. Both sales will advertise starting August 1, with a scheduled bid opening of August 14.

The **Cub Creek** Fire Salvage Project ESD request was granted on July 6 and the Decision Notice was signed on July 13. The project has been divided into two timber sales, Up in Smoke and Dirty Haines. Both sales will advertise starting July 24, with a scheduled bid opening of August 8.

The public comment period has closed for the **Caribou** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project EA. The planning team is currently analyzing and responding to comments received. The Caribou ESD request is being prepared for evaluation by the Washington Office, and will be submitted for approval following completion of public comment review.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

The public comment period has closed on the preliminary effects analysis for the **Little Hogback-Meyers** Salvage Project. The planning team is currently analyzing and responding to comments received.

Transition - Post-Fire Response Incident Management Team

Over the past 10 months the Northern Region post-fire response Incident Management Team (IMT) has worked closely with District, Forest and Regional staff to coordinate Burned Area Emergency Response, reforestation assessments, salvage planning, and mushroom harvest. While there is still work to be done, there is no longer a need for a standing IMT so the team will officially transition back to their normal work duties. As project planning wraps up and sale implementation begins, our efforts to inform the public, cooperators, stakeholders, and others about the 2017 post-fire response will continue into the Fall.

For more information please reference the *2018 Salvage Projects* table on the following page...



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<u>2018 Salvage Projects</u>	Total Burned Acres	Proposed Salvage Acres	Scoping Period	Public Comment Period	ESD Request Granted	Decision Signed	Timber Sale Names Sale Dates	Volume Sold (MMBF)
<u>Bluejacket CE</u> Nez Perce-Clearwater NF	1,010	80	Closed	N/A	N/A	12/01/17	Bluejacket Sale Date: 3/30/18	1.2
<u>Tamarack CE</u> Kootenai NF	413	199	Closed	N/A	N/A	11/08/17	Tamarack Sale Date: 3/6/18	2.6
<u>Gibraltar Ridge CE</u> Kootenai NF	12,938	250	Closed	N/A	N/A	4/17/18	Gibraltar Sale Date: 6/12/18	0.5
<u>Moose Peak CE</u> Kootenai NF	13,903	50	Closed	N/A	N/A	4/05/18	Moose Peak Sale Date: 6/14/18	0.8
<u>West Fork EA</u> Kootenai NF	20,072	5,300	Closed	Closed	6/21/18	6/29/18	West Pipe Pipe Bull <i>Projected Sale: 8/14/18</i>	
<u>Cub Creek EA</u> Kootenai NF	7,080	1,624	Closed	Closed	7/6/18	7/13/18	Up in Smoke Dirty Haines <i>Projected Sale: 8/8/18</i>	
<u>Caribou EA</u> Kootenai NF	24,753	5,268	Closed	Closed			South Canada Burnt Caribou Young Fork <i>Projected Sale: 8/28/18</i>	
<u>Moose Peak CE</u> Lolo NF	13,903	250	Closed	N/A	N/A	5/18/18	Fish Fry Sale Date: 6/21/18	2.1
<u>Liberty CE</u> Lolo NF	33,263	250	Closed	N/A	N/A		Liberty <i>Projected Sale: 09/18</i>	
<u>Sunrise EA</u> Lolo NF	26,310	2,718	Closed	Closed	5/30/18	5/31/18	Smoked Trout Sale Date: 7/12/18 Smokey Quartz <i>Projected Sale: 8/21/18</i>	10.6
<u>Sheep Gap EA</u> Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	Closed	Closed	7/12/18		Burnt Beam <i>Projected Sale: 8/24/18</i> Black Sheep <i>Projected Sale: 8/24/18</i>	
<u>Rice Ridge EA</u> Lolo NF	160,190	4,838	Closed	6/11/18			Rice Crispy Fried Morrell Dark Horse Left Mule <i>Projected Sale: Fall 2018</i>	
<u>Mevers EA</u> Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF **	62,034	331	N/A	Closed	N/A		Molten Copper <i>Projected Sale: 11/30/18</i>	
<u>Little Hogback EA</u> Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF **	34,352	1,200	N/A	Closed	N/A		Dead Wood <i>Projected Sale: 11/30/18</i>	

This information is provided to show progress on 2018 salvage projects, and is subject to change.

*** = Scoping and EA comment period are combined [] MMBF = million board feet*

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