



Northern Region Post-Fire Response External Update – December 4, 2017

This update highlights Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER), post-fire harvest, reforestation and outreach efforts throughout the [U.S. Forest Service - Northern Region](#) following the 2017 fire season.

Post-Fire Harvest

The list shows the status of post-fire harvest projects across the Northern Region:

- The following fires have areas under consideration for post-fire harvest under Environmental Assessment (EA) authority. *In some cases an Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) will be requested where immediate implementation of a decision is necessary to achieve one or more of the following: Relief from hazards threatening human health and safety; mitigation of threats to natural resources on National Forest System or adjacent lands; avoiding a loss of commodity value sufficient to jeopardize the agency's ability to accomplish project objectives directly related to resource protection or restoration.*
 - Cub Creek, Sheep Gap, Sunrise, Rice Ridge, West Fork, Caribou, Little Hogback, Meyers
 - Sheep Gap and Sunrise scoping period closed December 1
- The following fires have areas under consideration for post-fire harvest under Categorical Exclusion authority:
 - Gibraltar Ridge, Liberty, Bluejacket, Tamarack, Moose Peak
 - The Decision Memo for the Bluejacket Fire Salvage and Reforestation project was signed December 1. Palouse District Ranger Stefani Spencer is responsible for the Bluejacket project, and said “*After a thorough yet efficient analysis period, we are excited to sign this Decision which will allow Bluejacket salvage and restoration activities to move forward.*”
- The following fires have no areas under consideration for post-fire harvest:
 - Lolo Peak, Goat Creek, Deep Creek, Park Creek

2017 Post-Fire Projects <i>Note: Fire names are used until specific project proposal is developed</i>	Level of Analysis	Potential Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) Request	Initiated Scoping	Completed Scoping	Initiated 30-DAY Comment Period on EA (if applicable)	Completed 30-DAY Comment Period on EA (if applicable)	Completed Emergency Situation Determination Request (if applicable)	Signed Decision
Bluejacket Salvage and Reforestation Project	CE	N/A	10/20/17	11/20/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	NEW 12/01/17
Caribou	EA	Yes						
Cub Creek	EA	Yes						
Gibraltar Ridge	CE	N/A						
Liberty	CE	N/A						
Little Hogback/Meyers	EA	No						
Moose Peak- Kootenai NF	CE	N/A						
Moose Peak- Lolo NF	CE	N/A						
Rice Ridge	EA	Yes						
Sheep Gap	EA	Yes	10/31/17	NEW 12/01/17				
Sunrise	EA	Yes	10/31/17	NEW 12/01/17				
Tamarack Fire Salvage Project	CE	N/A	09/23/17	10/13/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/08/17
West Fork	EA	Yes						

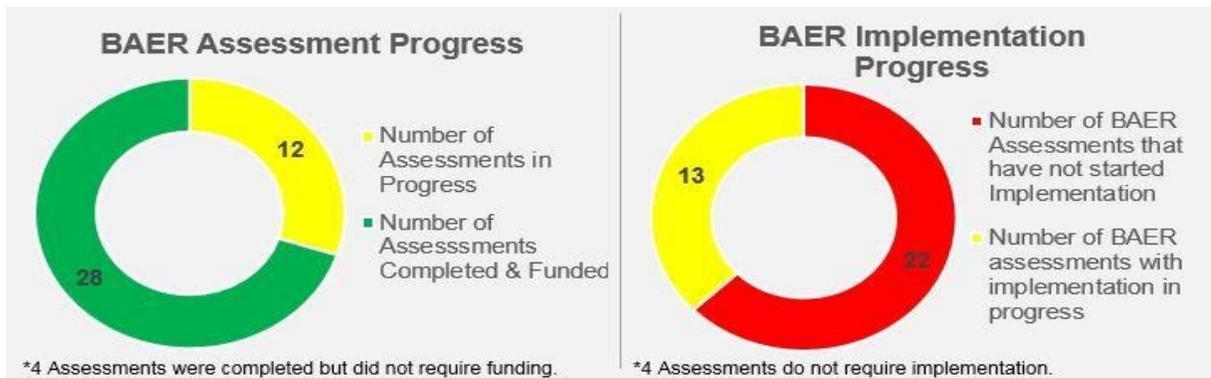
***Please note, this list is provided to show post-fire response progress; it is subject to change.*



BAER

The list below shows recent BAER project updates throughout the Northern Region. For a complete list of BAER projects visit the Northern Region BAER [Inciweb site](#).

- Nez Perce-Clearwater Wilderness Fires BAER assessment complete and awaiting Regional Office approval
- North Fork Hughes, Liberty BAER assessment in progress
- Blacktail initial BAER treatments approved on the Helena-Lewis and Clark on 11/27/2017
- Green Ridge initial BAER treatments approved on the Bitterroot on 11/27/17
- Strawberry
 - Initial BAER treatments approved for Strawberry on the Helena-Lewis and Clark on 11/30/17
 - Initial BAER treatments approved for Strawberry on the Flathead on 11/30/17
- Crucifixion initial BAER treatments approved on the Helena-Lewis and Clark on 11/20/17
- Scalp
 - Initial BAER treatments approved for Scalp on the Helena-Lewis and Clark on 11/20/17
 - Initial BAER treatments approved for Scalp on the Flathead on 11/9/17
- Highway 200 Complex
 - Initial BAER treatments approved for the Kootenai on 10/24/2017
 - Interim BAER treatments approved for the Kootenai on 11/20/2017
 - BAER assessment in progress for the Lolo



Media and Community Outreach

The Forest Service published a post-fire response [News Release](#) last week. This generated strong interest from media outlets and follow-up interviews were conducted by IMT leadership. The *Missoulian* also featured a [story](#) on the Northern Region post-fire response.

Quick-Links

- Northern Region Post-Fire Response [Website](#)
- Northern Region Post-Fire Response [News Release](#)
- Northern Region Post-Fire Response [Story Map](#)
- Northern Region BAER [Inciweb site](#)