



Northern Region Post-Fire Response Update – February 5, 2018

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

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Fire and Project Information</u>				<u>NEPA Project Timeline</u>					
	Total Burned Acres	Potential Salvage Acres	Level of Analysis	Potential Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) Request	Initiated Scoping	Completed Scoping	Initiated 30-DAY Public Comment Period on EA (if applicable)	Completed 30-DAY Public Comment Period on EA (if applicable)	Completed ESD Request (if applicable)	Signed Decision
<u>2018 Salvage NEPA Projects</u>										
Bluejacket / Nez Perce-Clearwater NF	1,010	80	CE	N/A	10/20/17	11/20/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	12/01/17
Tamarack / Kootenai NF	413	199	CE	N/A	09/23/17	10/13/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/08/17
Gibraltar Ridge / Kootenai NF	12,938	250	CE	N/A	01/19/18	02/09/18				
Liberty / Lolo NF	33,263	250	CE	N/A						
Moose Peak / Kootenai NF	13,903	50	CE	N/A	01/19/18	02/09/18				
Moose Peak / Lolo NF	13,903	250	CE	N/A	01/23/18					
Meyers / Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF	73,316	174	EA	No						
Little Hogback / Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF	39,374	1,200	EA	No						
Cub Creek / Kootenai NF	7,080	1,624	EA	Yes	12/19/17	01/16/18				
Sheep Gap / Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	EA	Yes	10/31/17	12/01/17				
Sunrise / Lolo NF	26,310	2,718	EA	Yes	10/31/17	12/01/17				
Rice Ridge / Lolo NF	160,190	4,838	EA	Yes	12/29/17	01/22/18				
Caribou / Kootenai NF	24,753	5,268	EA	Yes	12/15/17	01/14/18				
West Fork / Kootenai NF	20,072	5,300	EA	Yes	12/19/17	01/17/18				

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

Reference project locations in the Post-Fire Response NEPA Projects [Map](#).

Technology Corner

New technologies and processes are being used to safely and efficiently gather information on the post-fire condition, and weekly training sessions are being held to share these new technologies and processes, along with the available data, with Forest Service employees across the Northern Region.

Reforestation



Nearly every large fire in the Region has been assessed for reforestation needs following the 2017 fire season. These assessments are a preliminary tool which combines remote sensing and local knowledge. Field reconnaissance in 2018 will further refine the reforestation workload resulting from the 2017 fire season. Based on these assessments and prior year needs, the region is working on a 5-year reforestation needs document to help identify and plan future reforestation work.

Mushrooms

Forests across the Northern Region are anticipating a busy Morel mushroom season this spring, and planning is underway to prepare for an influx of mushroom hunters.

The Forest Service will complete an environmental analysis to assess potential impacts, and coordinate commercial mushroom harvest activities across multiple Forests impacted by the 2017 fire season.

Briefings

Forest Service staff met with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Tribal Council on January 23. The Tribal Council was briefed on the Northern Region post-fire response and had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Northern Region Deputy Regional Forester Dave Schmid along with other regional staff were recently invited to brief several Montana legislative interim committees in Helena regarding the 2017 wildfires as well as the Region's post-fire recovery efforts. Specifically, information was provided for the Montana legislative water policy interim committee (January 8) and the Montana environmental quality council (January 18).

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