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Northern Region Post-Fire Response Employee Update – March 21, 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.

Post-fire harvest

For those salvage projects seeking an Emergency Situation Determination (ESD), submittal of Draft ESD requests to the Regional Office are expected in early April. After Regional review, requests will be sent to the Washington Office for consideration.

Reference the *2018 Salvage NEPA Projects* table on the following page...

BAER

Implementation of recommended BAER treatments will begin once winter conditions subside. The Liberty and Sunrise BAER contracts will be awarded in April; subsequent BAER contracts for other fires are in the works.

Reforestation

The scoping notices went out last week for the planned reforestation efforts on the Lolo Peak, Deep Creek and Moose Peak fires on the Lolo National Forest.

Forest Service employees met with fire and vegetation researchers from the University of Montana on 3/20 to discuss incorporating the latest science into the Region's reforestation assessment process.

Mushrooms

The Northern Region Mushroom Management [webpage](#) has been created, and contains the commercial mushroom scoping letter (dated March 12, 2018), commercial mushroom maps for the Lolo and Kootenai National Forests, and links to other Forests in the Region offering personal-use mushroom harvest opportunities.

Forest Service employees presented the Northern Region mushroom plan, along with post-fire response updates, to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Resource Staff in Pablo, MT on March 21 and will also present at the Nez Perce Tribe All-Forests Meeting in Lewiston, ID on March 28.



<u>2018 Salvage NEPA Projects</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)	ESD Request submitted to Forest Service Chief (if applicable)	Signed Decision
<u>Bluejacket</u> / 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
<u>Tamarack</u> / Kootenai NF	413	199	CE	N/A	09/23/17	10/13/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/08/17
<u>Gibraltar Ridge</u> / Kootenai NF	12,938	250	CE	N/A	01/19/18	02/09/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>Liberty</u> / Lolo NF	33,263	250	CE	N/A	3/5/18	4/6/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>Moose Peak</u> / Kootenai NF	13,903	50	CE	N/A	01/19/18	02/09/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>Moose Peak</u> / Lolo NF	13,903	250	CE	N/A	01/23/18	02/24/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
** <u>Meyers</u> / Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF	73,316	330	EA	No	N/A	N/A				
** <u>Little Hogback</u> / Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF	39,374	1,200	EA	No	N/A	N/A				
<u>Cub Creek</u> / Kootenai NF	7,080	1,624	EA	Yes	12/19/17	01/16/18				
<u>Sheep Gap</u> / Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	EA	Yes	10/31/17	12/01/17				
<u>Sunrise</u> / Lolo NF	26,310	2,718	EA	Yes	10/31/17	12/01/17				
<u>Rice Ridge</u> / Lolo NF	160,190	4,838	EA	Yes	12/29/17	01/22/18				
<u>Caribou</u> / Kootenai NF	24,753	5,268	EA	Yes	12/15/17	01/14/18				
<u>West Fork</u> / Kootenai NF	20,072	5,300	EA	Yes	12/19/17	01/17/18				
<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Fire & Project Information</i>				<i>NEPA Project Timeline</i>					

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

*** Scoping and Comment period will be combined*

Quick-Links

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