



United States Department of Agriculture

## Northern Region Post-Fire Response

External Update – April 3, 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**

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest recently sold the Bluejacket Salvage sale (Strychnine Fire) on the Palouse Ranger District.

The draft Environmental Assessment for the Sunrise Salvage project was submitted to the Regional Office for review last week.

Submittal of draft Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) requests to the Regional Office are due this week. Upon Regional Office concurrence, requests will be sent to the Washington Office for review prior to final submission.

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

### **BAER**

As winter departs, implementation of BAER treatments will commence. Contract packages have been prepped for work to begin as soon as conditions allow with approximately \$500,000 in awards thus far.

The Forest Service has planned for three after action reviews (AARs) across the Region to discuss lessons learned from the 2017 fire season. Two in-person AARs have already been held, with a third yet to come.

Preparations are being made for the next BAER season with a series of trainings, collaboration on guidance documents, and a three day in-person workshop to be held April 24-26 in Missoula.

### **Reforestation**

The Forest Service partners with multiple organizations to assist with reforestation on public lands. Funding from our partners is used to grow seedlings that the Agency out-plants, including on areas burned from previous years' wildland fires. The National Forest Foundation has recently launched a [50 million tree campaign](#) aimed at expanding the reforestation program for the Agency over the next five years.

### **Disaster Funding**

A disaster relief bill passed by Congress has allotted over \$7 million to six Western Montana Forests that were impacted by wildland fire in 2017. These Forests will all receive varying amounts to be spent on Facilities, Roads and/or Trails projects within 2017 fire areas.

### **Mushrooms**

#### Commercial Use

Reference the Northern Region Mushroom Management [webpage](#) for the most current information.

Scoping has closed for the commercial mushroom proposed action. Numerous comments were received during the scoping period, resulting in slight changes to commercial harvest areas and camp locations on the Lolo and Kootenai National Forests.

The commercial mushroom season will run from May 1, 2018 through July 1, 2018.



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Personal Use/Incidental Use

Incidental use and personal use harvest opportunities will be available for members of the public. These harvest activities do not have a designated season, and personal use permits will be available at Forest Service offices.

...2018 Salvage NEPA Projects

<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
<a href="#">Bluejacket</a> / 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
<a href="#">Tamarack</a> / Kootenai NF	413	199	CE	N/A	09/23/17	10/13/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/08/17
<a href="#">Gibraltar Ridge</a> / Kootenai NF	12,938	250	CE	N/A	01/19/18	02/09/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<a href="#">Liberty</a> / Lolo NF	33,263	250	CE	N/A	3/5/18	4/4/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<a href="#">Moose Peak</a> / Kootenai NF	13,903	50	CE	N/A	01/19/18	02/09/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<a href="#">Moose Peak</a> / Lolo NF	13,903	250	CE	N/A	01/23/18	02/24/18	N/A	N/A	N/A	
** <a href="#">Meyers</a> / Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF	73,316	330	EA	No	N/A	N/A				
** <a href="#">Little Hogback</a> / Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF	39,374	1,200	EA	No	N/A	N/A				
<a href="#">Cub Creek</a> / Kootenai NF	7,080	1,624	EA	Yes	12/19/17	01/16/18				
<a href="#">Sheep Gap</a> / Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	EA	Yes	10/31/17	12/01/17				
<a href="#">Sunrise</a> / Lolo NF	26,310	2,718	EA	Yes	10/31/17	12/01/17				
<a href="#">Rice Ridge</a> / Lolo NF	160,190	4,838	EA	Yes	12/29/17	01/22/18				
<a href="#">Caribou</a> / Kootenai NF	24,753	5,268	EA	Yes	12/15/17	01/14/18				
<a href="#">West Fork</a> / Kootenai NF	20,072	5,300	EA	Yes	12/19/17	01/17/18				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Fire &amp; Project Information</b>				<b>NEPA Project Timeline</b>					

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

*\*\* Scoping and Comment period will be combined*

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