



United States Department of Agriculture

Northern Region Post-Fire Response

Bi-weekly update – July 11, 2018

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

Post-fire Harvest

Lolo NF

The **Sunrise** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales, Smoked Trout and Smokey Quartz. The Smoked Trout timber sale has been advertised and bids will open on July 12th. The Smokey Quartz sale package is currently being reviewed by District and Forest staff prior to advertisement.

The public comment period has closed for the **Sheep Gap** Fire Salvage Environmental Assessment (EA). The planning team is currently analyzing and responding to comments received.

The public comment period will close at midnight on July 11th for the **Rice Ridge** Fire Salvage EA. The complete EA, along with supporting documentation is available on the Lolo National Forest website [here](#).

Kootenai NF

The **West Fork** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) request was granted on June 21st, and the Decision Notice was signed on June 29.

The **Cub Creek** Fire Salvage Project ESD request was granted on July 6th. The planning team is finalizing the response to comments received, and the Forest is projected to sign the Decision Notice the week of July 16th.

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.

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.

Emergency Situation Determination

The ESD requests for the Sheep Gap, Caribou, and Rice Ridge projects have been reviewed by the Washington Office and will be submitted for approval following completion of public comment review.

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

Mushrooms

The commercial mushroom season has officially ended. The season ran from May 7 – July 7 and during that time 1,399 commercial mushroom permits were sold. Harvesting mushrooms for personal use will still be allowed on Forest Service lands throughout the Region.

Visit the Northern Region mushroom [webpage](#) for current information.



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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: 8/20/18</i>	
<u>Cub Creek EA</u> Kootenai NF	7,080	1,624	Closed	Closed	7/6/18		Up in Smoke Dirty Haines <i>Projected Sale: 8/14/18</i>	
<u>Caribou EA</u> Kootenai NF	24,753	5,268	Closed	Closed			South Canada Burnt Caribou Young Fork <i>Projected Sale: 8/13/18</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: 8/13/18</i>	
<u>Sunrise EA</u> Lolo NF	26,310	2,718	Closed	Closed	5/30/18	5/31/18	Smoked Trout <i>Projected Sale: 7/12/18</i> Smokey Quartz <i>Projected Sale: 8/1/18</i>	
<u>Sheep Gap EA</u> Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	Closed	Closed			Burnt Beam <i>Projected Sale: 8/13/18</i> Black Sheep <i>Projected Sale: 8/30/18</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: 9/19/18</i>	
<u>Mevers EA</u> Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF **	62,034	331	N/A	Closed	N/A		Molten Copper <i>Projected Sale: 1/7/19</i>	
<u>Little Hogback EA</u> Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF **	34,352	1,200	N/A	Closed	N/A		Dead Wood <i>Projected Sale: 1/7/19</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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