



Northern Region Post-Fire Response

Bi-weekly update – August 10, 2018

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

Kootenai NF

The **Caribou** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project ESD request was granted on July 30 and the Decision Notice was signed on August 2. The project has been divided into three timber sales: South Canada, Burnt Caribou and Young Fork. Sale contract packages are currently being reviewed, with bids expected to open on September 4.

The **Cub Creek** Fire Salvage Project timber sale packages for Up in Smoke and Dirty Haines are currently in a 7-day advertisement, located [here](#). Bids will open on August 17.

The **West Fork** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project timber sale packages for West Pipe and Pipe Bull are currently being reviewed, with bids expected to open in late-August.

Lolo NF

The **Sunrise** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales, Smoked Trout and Smokey Quartz. The Smoked Trout timber sale was sold on July 12 and implementation has begun. The Smokey Quartz timber sale is currently in the middle of a 14-day advertisement, located [here](#). Bids will open on August 21.

The **Sheep Gap** Decision Notice was signed on July 31, and the project has been divided into two timber sales, Burnt Beam and Black Sheep. The two sales are expected to be advertised in late August.

The **Rice Ridge** planning team is responding to public comment on the Environmental Assessment and completing Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A decision for the selected action is expected to be signed before the end of August.

The **Liberty** Fire Salvage Project is completing ESA consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A decision is expected to be signed in early September. A 14-day advertisement for the timber sale is expected to start September 5, with bids opening on September 19.

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.

In the News

After Wildfires, Burned Area Rehab Means More Than Tree Planting

<http://www.mtpr.org/post/after-wildfires-burned-area-rehab-means-more-tree-planting>

Forest Service Finalizing Salvage Logging Plans for Rice Ridge Burn:

<http://www.mtpr.org/post/forest-service-finalizing-salvage-logging-plans-rice-ridge-burn>

Forest Service shares \$1.5 million fire rehab with Granite County

<https://etypeservices.com/CurrentPDF.aspx?Magazine=229942&Company=Philipsburg1>

Timber Salvage Projects Slated on Kootenai National Forest:

<http://www.mtpr.org/post/timber-salvage-projects-slated-kootenai-national-forest>



<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: 3/30/2018	1.2
<u>Tamarack CE</u> Kootenai NF	413	199	Closed	N/A	N/A	11/08/17	Tamarack Sale Date: 3/6/2018	2.6
<u>Gibraltar Ridge CE</u> Kootenai NF	12,938	250	Closed	N/A	N/A	4/17/18	Gibraltar Sale Date: 6/12/2018	0.5
<u>Moose Peak CE</u> Kootenai NF	13,903	50	Closed	N/A	N/A	4/05/18	Moose Peak Sale Date: 6/14/2018	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: late-August</i>	
<u>Cub Creek EA</u> Kootenai NF	7,080	1,624	Closed	Closed	7/6/18	7/13/18	Up in Smoke Dirty Haines <i>Projected Sale: 8/17/2018</i>	
<u>Caribou EA</u> Kootenai NF	24,753	5,268	Closed	Closed	7/30/18	8/2/18	South Canada Burnt Caribou Young Fork <i>Projected Sale: 9/4/2018</i>	
<u>Moose Peak CE</u> Lolo NF	13,903	250	Closed	N/A	N/A	5/18/18	Fish Fry Sale Date: 6/21/2018	2.1
<u>Liberty CE</u> Lolo NF	33,263	250	Closed	N/A	N/A		Liberty <i>Projected Sale: 09/19/2018</i>	
<u>Sunrise EA</u> Lolo NF	26,310	2,718	Closed	Closed	5/30/18	5/31/18	Smoked Trout Sale Date: 7/12/18 Smokey Quartz <i>Projected Sale: 8/21/2018</i>	10.6
<u>Sheep Gap EA</u> Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	Closed	Closed	7/12/18	7/31/18	Burnt Beam <i>Projected Sale: 8/24/2018</i> Black Sheep <i>Projected Sale: 8/24/2018</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: Fall 2018</i>	
<u>Meyers EA</u> Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF **	62,034	331	N/A	Closed	N/A		Molten Copper <i>Projected Sale: 11/30/2018</i>	
<u>Little Hogback EA</u> Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF **	34,352	1,200	N/A	Closed	N/A		Dead Wood <i>Projected Sale: 11/30/2018</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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