



Northern Region 2017 Post-Fire Response Update – August 24, 2018

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

Kootenai NF

The **Cub Creek** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales: Up in Smoke and Dirty Haines. On August 17, 3.6 million board feet (MMBF) was sold in Up in Smoke and 1.3 MMBF was sold in Dirty Haines. Implementation in both sale areas will begin in September.

The **West Fork** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project has been divided into two timber sales: West Pipe and Pipe Bull. The West Pipe timber sale is currently being advertised [here](#), with an expected bid date of August 31. The Pipe Bull timber sale is currently being advertised [here](#), with an expected bid date of September 5.

The **Caribou** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project Decision Notice was signed on August 2, and the project has been divided into three timber sales: South Canada, Burnt Caribou and Young Fork. Sale contract packages are currently being reviewed, and are expected to be advertised in early September.

Lolo NF

The **Sunrise** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales, Smoked Trout and Smokey Quartz. Implementation has begun on the Smoked Trout timber sale. On August 21, 12 MMBF was sold in Smokey Quartz. Implementation within the Smokey Quartz sale area will begin in September.

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 Burnt Beam timber sale is currently being advertised [here](#), with an expected bid date of September 6. The Black Sheep timber sale will be advertised in early September.

The **Rice Ridge** planning team is completing Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and a decision for the selected action is expected to be signed before the end of August. The project is anticipated to be divided into four timber sales: Fried Morrell, Rice Krispy, Dark Horse, and Left Mule. The Fried Morrell and Rice Krispy timber sales are expected to advertise in mid-September, with expected bid dates before the end of September. The Dark Horse and Left Mule timber sales are expected to be advertised later in September, with bid dates in October.

The **Liberty** Decision Memo was signed on August 13. A 14-day advertisement for the timber sale is expected in early September.

Implementation has begun on the Fish Fry timber sale within the **Moose Peak** fire salvage project area.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

The **Little Hogback – Meyers** Salvage planning team is completing the Environmental Assessment, as well as the ESA consultation with the USFWS. No Emergency Situation Determination is being pursued, and a draft decision for the selected action is expected to be out for Objection in early September.

Reference following page for more information...



<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 <i>Projected Sale: 8/31/18</i> Pipe Bull <i>Projected Sale: 9/5/18</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 Sale Date: 8/17/18	3.6 1.3
<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: Mid-Sept</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	8/13/18	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 Sale Date: 8/21/18	10.6 12.0
<u>Sheep Gap EA</u> Lolo NF	25,182	2,152	Closed	Closed	7/12/18	7/31/18	Burnt Beam <i>Projected Sale: 9/6/18</i> Black Sheep <i>Projected Sale: Mid-Sept</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: September</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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