



Northern Region 2017 Post-Fire Response Update – September 18, 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 has been divided into three timber sales: South Canada, Burnt Caribou and Young Fork. All three timber sales were sold on September 14 for a combined 22.5 million board feet (MMBF): South Canada timber sale (12.7 MMBF), Burnt Caribou timber sale (4.7 MMBF), and the Young Fork timber sale (5.1 MMBF).

The **West Fork** Fire Salvage and Restoration Project has been divided into two timber sales: West Pipe and Pipe Bull, with a combined volume of 25.6 MMBF. The West Pipe timber sale (7.7 MMBF) was sold on August 31, and the Pipe Bull timber sale (17.9 MMBF) was sold on September 5.

The **Cub Creek** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales: Up in Smoke and Dirty Haines. Both sales have been sold and implementation is underway.

Lolo NF

The **Rice Ridge** Fire Salvage Project Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) request was granted on August 24, and the Decision Notice was signed on September 5. The project has been divided into four timber sales: Fried Morrell, Rice Crispy, Dark Horse, and Left Mule. The Fried Morrell and Rice Crispy timber sales are currently being advertised [here](#), with expected bid dates of September 20 and September 25, respectively. The Dark Horse and Left Mule timber sales are currently being prepared with advertisement expected in early October.

The **Sheep Gap** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales: Burnt Beam and Black Sheep. The Burnt Beam timber sale (14.6 MMBF) was sold September 6, with implementation expected to commence this fall. The Black Sheep timber sale is currently being advertised [here](#), with a bid date of September 20.

The **Liberty** fire salvage sale is currently being advertised [here](#), with a bid date of September 20.

The **Sunrise** Fire Salvage Project has been divided into two timber sales: Smoked Trout and Smokey Quartz. Both sales have been sold and implementation is ongoing.

Implementation of the Fish Fry timber sale within the **Moose Peak** fire salvage project area is ongoing.

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

The Environmental Assessment and draft decisions for the selected action on the **Little Hogback – Meyers** salvage project should be available to view by September 21. A 45-day objection period will follow the release of the draft decisions. Two decisions and two timber sales are expected for this project.

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 Sale Date: 8/31/2018 Pipe Bull Sale Date: 9/5/2018 | 7.7 ** 17.9 ** |
| <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: 8/17/2018 | 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 Sale Date: 9/14/2018 | 12.7 4.7 5.1 ** |
| <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: 9/20/2018</i> | |
| <u>Sunrise EA</u> Lolo NF | 26,310 | 2,718 | Closed | Closed | 5/30/18 | 5/31/18 | Smoked Trout Sale Date: 7/12/2018 Smokey Quartz Sale Date: 8/21/2018 | 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 Sale Date: 9/6/18 Black Sheep <i>Projected Sale: 9/20/2018</i> | 14.6 ** |
| <u>Rice Ridge EA</u> Lolo NF | 160,190 | 3,494 | Closed | 6/11/18 | 8/24/18 | 9/5/18 | Rice Crispy Fried Morrell Dark Horse Left Mule <i>Projected Sale: Sept/Oct</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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