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Grangeville, Idaho—Logging operations are expected to start on the Cold Toes, Ready, and Starbucky timber sales. Additionally, road construction operations are occurring on the Blackwall Timber Sale.

The Cold Toes Timber Sale area is located on the Clearwater District in the upper reaches of Cold Springs and Asbestos Creek drainages. Harvest operations are expected to begin by the end of June and are expected to continue throughout the summer. Log trucks will be hauling on the Grangeville-Salmon Road (FR #221) from FR roads #2009, #642, #2026, and #9424 to Grangeville. Additionally, empty trucks and lowboys may be traveling on the Free Use Road (FR #243).

The Ready Timber Sale is located on the Salmon River District in the Slate Creek and North Fork Slate Creek drainages. Logging operations have begun and approximately 12 truck loads of logs per day will be hauled to Grangeville on the Grangeville-Salmon Road (FR #221) from the FR #398.

The Starbucky Timber Sale is located on the Red River District primarily in the Santiam Creek drainage. Logging operations will begin by July 1 and log trucks will be hauling 20+ loads per day from FR # 492 to Highway 14 (South Fork) to Grangeville. Helicopter operations (yarding) will be occurring in the Santiam drainage and near Highway 14 with several landing locations next to the highway between MP 34 and MP 40.

The Blackwall Timber Sale is located on the Clearwater District, primarily in the Lightning Creek drainage. Road construction operations have begun and will be ongoing during the summer.

The public is encouraged to use extra caution when traveling or recreating in these areas. Questions may be directed to Scott Godfrey or Larry Whitehead at the Grangeville headquarters at (208) 983-1950,