



**Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest**

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# News Release

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## **Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF to Spray for Bark Beetles in Recreation Areas**

Butte, Mont., June 9, 2015 —The Forest Service will be applying insecticides in recreation sites throughout the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest over the next few weeks. The need for this is driven by the current mountain pine beetle epidemic, which has heavily affected many areas throughout southwest Montana and has already impacted some individual trees within popular recreation areas.

If you’re planning your annual family outing on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, or if it’s your first venture to the 3.35 million acres of Montana woodland, you may note that many of the recreation sites will look different than seen in years past or in the pictures that may have prompted your destination.

“We’ll begin in June with individual tree treatments in those places we know a large majority of Forest visitors and users will be this summer – campgrounds, day-use areas and trailheads,” stated Bruce Schuelke, Reforestation Forester for the Forest. “To be effective, we must spray the green trees before the beetles fly again in mid-summer when they’ll bore into and lay their eggs in new-found trees.” In addition Schuelke stated, “Campground users will notice packets stapled to trees. These 2”x2” packets are Verbenone and/or MCH and are used to ward away bark beetles in area’s that we cannot spray the Carbaryl pesticides because of being too close to water”.

Beginning mid-June and continuing through mid-July depending upon the weather, a Forest Service workforce and contract sprayers will be placing packets and spraying Carbaryl to protect individual pine trees from mountain pine beetles in recreation sites on the following ranger districts of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest:

**Dillon Ranger District  
(406) 683-3900**

- Brown’s Lake Campground\*\*
- Reservoir Lake Campground & Picnic Area\*\*
- Sacajawea Campground & Picnic Area
- Grasshopper Campground
- Price Creek Campground

**Butte/Jefferson Ranger District  
(406) 494-2147**

- Sheepshead Day Use Picnic Area
- Freedom Point Picnic Area
- Lowlands Campground & Picnic Area
- Beaverdam Campground & Picnic Area\*
- Whitehouse Campground
- Homestake Picnic Area

**Wisdom-Wise River Ranger Districts****(406) 832-3178**

Lupine Warming Cabin  
Mono Creek Trailhead & Campground  
Little Joe Campground  
Grand Vista Point of Interest  
Willow Creek Campground\*\*  
Lodgepole Campground  
Boulder Creek Campground  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Campground  
Pettengill Campground  
Lower Seymour Creek Campground  
Pintler Campground & Picnic Area  
May Creek Campground \*\*  
Miner Lakes Campground\*\*  
Steel Creek Campground\*\*  
Mussigbrod Campground  
Van Houghton North Campground  
Twin Lakes Campground \*\*  
Van Houghton North Campground  
Van Houghton South Campground

**Madison District****(406) 682-4253**

Mill Creek Campground\*\*  
Branham Lake Campground  
Potosi Campground\*\*

**Pintler Ranger District****(406) 859-3211**

Racetrack Campground\*\*  
East Fork Campground  
Copper Creek Campground  
Douglas Creek Cabin Rental\*\*  
Spring Hill Picnic Area  
Spring Hill Administrative Cabin  
Flint Creek Campground\*\*  
Moose Creek Rental Cabin  
Moose Lake Fishing Access  
Pebble Beach Fishing Access  
Stony Campground \*\*  
Stony Rental Cabin

Sites marked with (\*\*) will not be closed but will have packets placed on trees to reduce impacts from bark beetles. Signs will be posted at locations where work is occurring with information on the chemical used, and closure period, including a potential time when the location can once again be used. Exposure of the public to Carbaryl spray, Verbenone packets and MCH packets should be minimal to non-existent.

Weather will affect the spraying schedule as application will not occur on windy or rainy days, nor will it be done within 75 feet of water. Picnic tables, fire pits and restroom doors will be covered with plastic during spraying.

Further information about these activities can be obtained from Joan Williams at (406) 859-3211, or Bruce Schuelke at (406) 494-0241.

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