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Prescribed Fire Projects Planned on Flathead National Forest

The Flathead National Forest is planning to conduct some fall burning projects when weather conditions are favorable. Smoke will be visible from various places throughout the Flathead and Swan Valleys.

The project areas include:

- **Blacktail Mountain Area** – This work involves burning of slash piles from fuels reduction projects located in the Truman, Dayton and Stoner Creek drainages.
- **Crane Mountain Area** – There is pile burning planned along the Eastshore of Flathead Lake in Hunger Creek and in the Beardance areas.
- **Condon Area** – This burning includes pile burning and some broadcast burns in the Lion Creek, Cooney Creek, Falls Creek, Holland Lake, Pierce Lake and Lindbergh Lake areas. Additionally, there will be some burning of slash from salvage logging of Mountain Pine Beetle impacted trees north and east of Pierce Lake.
- **Brush Creek Wildland Fire Area**- Work involves pile burning from salvage harvest in the Sheppard Creek Drainage west of Whitefish.
- **Good Creek Area**- Work includes pile burns resulting from timber sale activities in the Good Creek and Johnson Peak areas west of Olney.
- **Tally Lake Area**- This burning will include several pile burns from timber sale activities in the Logan Creek Drainage near Tally Lake west of Whitefish.
- **Beaver Lakes Area**- This project involves burning of slash piles from fuels reduction projects near Bootjack and Farm to Market Roads west of Whitefish.

- **Star Meadows Area-** This project will include several units of fuels reduction in the Star Meadows area southwest of Whitefish and northwest of Kalispell.
- **West Valley Area-** This burning is fuels reduction work off of the Lost Creek Road located north and west of Kalispell.

The prescribed fire projects are located and designed for the potential to be controlled, and not escape as wildfires. These projects are in compliance with Montana air quality standards and coordinated with Montana State Department of Environmental Quality.

For additional information about the prescribed fire projects contact the Swan Lake Ranger District in Bigfork at 837-7500 or the Tally Lake Ranger District in Kalispell at 758-5204.

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