



Flathead National Forest

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Services Return at the Flathead National Forest

Timber, Stewardship and Recreation Top Priorities

KALISPELL, MONT. – The Flathead National Forest is open for business and employees are working to restore public services. Effective immediately timber and stewardship projects have the green light to resume, rental cabins are available and fire-wood permits are being sold at all forest service offices and vendors.

Forest Supervisor Chip Weber says, “I want to thank the public for their patience during the partial shutdown and I want to assure everyone that we are doing everything we can to restore services as quickly as possible.”

Campgrounds are open but there are reduced services due to the time of year. Concessionaire services would have ended for the season on October 6th regardless of the shutdown. The roads to some campgrounds are seasonally gated but people can still hike in and camp.

Fire managers will continue prescribed burns if time and weather allows. Many of the prescribed fire projects are important to complete if possible because they are designed to improve forest health and reduce hazardous fuels.

Events that were cancelled during the partial government shutdown are being rescheduled. The Forest Plan Revision team will set a new date for an open house to provide an opportunity for the public to meet with Forest Service specialists working on an assessment of the Flathead National Forest. A collaboration meeting that was canceled will also be rescheduled.

The Swan Lake Ranger District is also rescheduling an informational field trip in connection with the proposed Condon Mountain Fire Salvage Project.

Please visit the forest website for information on any of the upcoming meetings and new dates:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/flathead>.

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