



## FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Firewood Cutting Areas Open on the Flathead National Forest**

The Spotted Bear, Hungry Horse and Glacier View Districts of the Flathead National Forest have opened areas to firewood cutting.

The Spotted Bear District has opened the Meadow Creek Road, Forest Road #2826, to firewood cutting. The road is located about three miles north of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station. Three large slash piles along the road are also open to wood cutters.

Hungry Horse and Glacier View Districts have numerous slash piles along the North Fork road that are open to firewood cutting. The slash piles are located within burned areas from the 2003 fires and are results from roadside hazard tree salvage projects. **The piles are the only areas within the 2003 burn areas open for firewood cutting. All other areas within the 2003 fire areas remain closed to firewood cutting activities.** Please contact the district office for specific information and maps.

Some of the slash piles are large and extreme care should be taken when working on or in the vicinity of the piles. Footing can be uneven and unstable. Materials in the pile may shift and become dislodged during cutting activities. Many of the slash piles will be burned and cutters are requested to keep the piles intact. Do not scatter slash around the piles; any materials removed from the piles during firewood cutting activities should be placed back in the pile for burning.

A Forest Service wood permit is needed to remove firewood from the Flathead National Forest. Personal-use firewood permits are available at all forest offices, as well as several local commercial locations. Permits cost \$5 per cord, with a two-cord minimum per permit. Individuals purchase up to 10 cords of firewood each permit year, April 1- March 31.

For more information and maps about firewood areas on the Flathead National Forest, contact the following offices:

Supervisor's Office	758-5204
Hungry Horse and Glacier View Office	387-3800
Spotted Bear Office	758-5376
Swan Lake Office	837-7500
Tally Lake Office	863-5400

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