



Flathead National Forest

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Hornet Lookout Available for Rental

The historic Hornet Fire Lookout located on the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District of the Flathead National Forest is available for overnight public reservations for the remainder of the calendar year. The structure, on the National Register of Historic Places, is available for \$20 a night, with a maximum stay of three nights per party. The lookout can accommodate up to four persons.

Due to salvage logging operations in the area, the lookout was not available for public rental this year to date. Hungry Horse Recreation Resource Assistant Paula Peterson said, "The helicopter and cable line operations in the salvage area have concluded and we are pleased to have the lookout available to public use again." She continued, "Renters should be cautious because logging is still taking place in the area, including hauling on the narrow Hornet Road, Forest Road #9805."

The Hornet Lookout was built in 1922 as part of the forest's fire lookout program. It is approximately 45 miles north of Columbia Falls. There is a one-mile hike to the lookout from the trailhead, and in the winter months access is by hiking, skiing or snowmobiling approximately eleven miles.

Renters need to bring water and wood. No pets are allowed and food must be stored in a bear resistant manner. The lookout has very modest accommodations; two cots and a small loft, propane camp stove, white gas lantern, and small wood stove for heat.

If interested in making a reservation for Hornet Lookout for the remainder of the 2005 calendar year contact the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District at 406-387-3809 or 406-387-3800.

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