



Flathead National Forest

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Temporary Closures in Place as Work Begins on Forest Salvage Projects

Temporary road and trail closures for public safety are in effect for the Hornet and Beta Salvage Timber Projects on the Flathead National Forest. Work is underway on the salvage sales, which is harvesting timber affected by the 2003 wildland fires. Both sales have helicopter activity, which prompted the closures due to public safety. The area closures are expected to remain in effect through April 1, 2005. Additional closures may occur throughout the summer as salvage activities continue.

The Hornet Salvage Sale is located approximately 30 miles north of Columbia Falls, in the Hornet Mountain area. The closure includes roads, trails and portions of roads and trails within the sale area, including, but not limited to:

- Forest Road #318, Whale Creek Road,
- Forest Road #907, Tepee Creek Road
- Forest Road #1671, Whale Creek Moose Creek Road
- Forest Road #9805, Hornet Creek, and
- Forest Road Trail #349, trail to Hornet Lookout.

[Hornet Salvage Sale Closure Map \(158kb\)](#)

The Beta Salvage Sale is located directly south of the Hungry Horse Dam. The closure includes roads, trails and portions of roads and trails within the sale area, including, but not limited to:

Forest Road #895, Westside Reservoir Road (from Hungry Horse Dam to Doris Boat Launch)

Forest Road #895A, Doris Creek Road

Forest Road #895H Aurora Basin Road

Forest Road #1601 Beta Creek Road, and

Forest Road #10144, Doris Point Road.

Beta Salvage Sale Closure Area Map (116kb)

Both closure areas do affect some popular snowmobiling and access routes, including the Lost Johnny area. Please anticipate increased timber truck traffic in the sale areas and drive with caution in those areas.

The Hornet Sale, north of Columbia Falls, will remove more than 1,400 truck loads of affected wood. R and R Conner, Inc. of Kalispell is the contractor for this sale.

The Beta Sale, south of Hungry Horse Dam, will remove approximately 3,000 truck loads of affected wood. Pyramid Lumber of Seeley Lake is the contractor.

For more information about the area closures, including maps, contact the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District Office at 387-3800 or visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/>.

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