



Flathead National Forest

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Some Slash Piles from Salvage Activities Available for Personal Use Firewood Gathering

The Hungry Horse and Glacier View District of the Flathead National Forest has opened some slash piles from salvage harvest activities from the 2003 wildland fires to personal use firewood gathering. The slash piles are located near the:

- Wounded Buck Road, Forest Road #895C, off of the Westside Reservoir Road,
- Whale Creek Road, Forest Road #318, approximately 30 miles north of Columbia Falls, off of the North Fork Road, and
- Hornet Creek Road, Forest Road #9805, off of the Whale Creek Road, Forest Road #318, approximately 30 miles north of Columbia Falls.

The slash piles will be signed and the public is encouraged to obtain a map from the Hungry Horse and Glacier View Office in Hungry Horse. There are other slash piles in the area, but are unavailable for firewood gathering. All other areas within the 2003 wildland fire areas remain closed to firewood cutting activities. Active salvage harvest continues in the area, so please use caution in these areas.

Some of the piles are large, and care should be taken when working on or in the vicinity of the slash piles. Footing can be uneven and unstable. Materials in the pile may shift and become dislodged during cutting activities. Please be safe.

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 can purchase up to 10 cords of firewood each permit year, April 1- March 31.

For more information, please contact the forest service at 387-3800.

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