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Little Bay Habitat stewardship project resumes Sept. 12

Orofino, Idaho – Logging on the Little Bay stewardship project in the Dworshak Reservoir area will resume Sept. 12, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials announced today.

The sawyers for Carson Helicopter Services will start timber felling by Sept. 12, with the helicopters scheduled to show up approximately two weeks after that. They will log approximately 2.5 million board feet of timber in the north half of the sale area.

The sale area starts just north of the Dworshak Reservoir minicamp 8.6 and ends about one-half mile downstream from minicamp 12.4 at Cold Springs. Logging crews will be in the area for the next six to eight weeks. Trucks will be hauling the logs using Loseth Road, located off Dent Road at mile post 10.8. No minicamps are expected to be effected by the logging, but it will be somewhat noisy in the sale area. All recreationists are encouraged to exercise caution in the immediate logging area.

The purpose of this project is to restore forests to healthy conditions. Current forest conditions include over-stocked stands, elevated forests fuels, poor quality big game habitat and elevated disease and beetle infestations. These conditions have resulted primarily from lack of frequent low-intensity wildfires.

Selective thinning using helicopter logging methods will be used. Following the harvest, controlled, low-intensity prescribed burns will be used to imitate the effects of natural wildfire. Foreseen benefits include enhanced wildlife habitat, reduced fuel loading, healthier forest stands and a benefit to the local economy.

The Cottonwood District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is administering this U.S. Army Corps of Engineers timber sale. The sale was awarded to Empire Lumber of Kamiah through competitive bid.

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