



## Flathead National Forest

## Media Release

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### **Huckleberry Season Here**

Huckleberries are ripening across the Flathead National Forest. There is no fee or permit required for harvesting less than 10 gallons of berries. For harvesting more than 10 gallons of huckleberries, a permit is required. Permits cost \$4 per day with a 5-day minimum permit or a season permit is available for \$80. Huckleberry permits are available at any Flathead National Forest Office, Monday through Friday, 8am -4:30pm.

Please use caution when driving forest roads, as many areas common to huckleberry picking have narrow roads and include blind curves. Always be alert to logging traffic and respect travel regulations.

Forest visitors are reminded that the Flathead National Forest has a food-storage order designed to minimize grizzly bear and human conflicts. All food, including harvested huckleberries, need to be attended to or stored properly. For more information about the food storage order on the Flathead National Forest and actions to take while in bear country, visit [www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead) or contact a local forest office.

Fire danger on the Flathead National Forest and in Northwest Montana varies from high to very high. Please be FIRESAFE; put your campfire DEAD OUT, dispose of cigarettes properly and utilize spark arresters. There is no open burning in Flathead Country through the end of September. For information about fire restrictions across Montana visit [www.firerestrictions.org](http://www.firerestrictions.org). There are no fire restrictions at this time in Northwest Montana.

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