



## Flathead National Forest

## Media Release

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### **Temporary Closure and Limited Access in Timber Salvage Area**

Temporary road and area closures for public safety will go into effect, Monday, September 5 for the Ball Timber Salvage Sale along the west-side of Hungry Horse Reservoir on the Flathead National Forest.

The salvage project involves harvesting timber affected by the 2003 wildland fires. The closure is in place for public safety during helicopter operations. The length of the closure will vary so the public is encouraged to contact the Forest Service for updated information.

The Ball Salvage Sale is located about 40 miles south of Hungry Horse Dam in the Ball and Branch Creek areas. The closure includes roads and portions of roads within the sale area, including, but not limited to:

- Forest Road #547, Sullivan Creek Road
- Forest Road #975, Branch Creek Road
- Forest Road #975A, Branch Creek A Road
- Forest Road #2801, South Fork Connor Road
- Forest Road #2803, Ball Branch Creek Connector
- Forest Road #2816, Ball Creek Road
- Forest Road #2835, Ball Branch Contour Road
- Forest Road #10349, Branch Connor Face

Timber hauling is also taking place in the post-fire areas. Expect increased truck traffic on the Westside Reservoir Road, south of Hungry Horse Dam, along the reservoir, as well as many of the tributary roads.

For the most updated information including maps, please contact the Spotted Bear District Office at 758-5376, the Hungry Horse District Office at 387-3800 or visit [www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead).

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