



Flathead National Forest

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Public Tour Planned of Forest Salvage Project

The Flathead National Forest is offering a public tour of the Beta Salvage Sale, a component of the West Side Reservoir Post-Fire Project, on Tuesday, March 1, 10 am. Reservations are required by calling the Hungry Horse and Glacier View District at 387-3800 by February 25 to assure adequate transportation and safety gear is available.

The Beta Salvage Sale has a road and trail closure for public safety while timber is being harvested that was affected by the 2003 wildland fires. Helicopter activities, felling next to the road and heavy log hauling prompted the closure. The area closure is expected to remain in effect through April 1, 2005. Additional closures may occur throughout the summer once salvage activities continue.

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 post-fire project, 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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