



**FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT**

NEWS RELEASE

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AREAS OPEN FOR FIRE WOOD CUTTING

The Spotted Bear Ranger District has opened three large slash piles off the Meadow Creek road about 5 miles south of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station, for firewood cutting. The piles are left over material from the Spotted Beetle Timber Sale.

The Meadow Creek road itself (Road #2826) remains closed to firewood cutting because of the timber sale activity adjacent to the road. There's good access off the road to the slash piles. The piles are made up of dead lodgepole pine and are located about 60 miles from Hungry Horse. Specific locations are posted on the ground.

Maps of the woodcutting area and wood permits are available at the Spotted Bear Ranger Station.

For more information, contact the Spotted Bear Ranger District, 406/758-5376

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