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## **Ninemile Roads Closed for Public Safety**

Missoula, MT. – The Ninemile Ranger District has closed the Edith Peak Road (Forest Service Road # 476) and Stoney Creek Cutoff Road (Forest Service Road # 5490) north of the Ranger Station as a precautionary safety measure while logging trucks use the roads, which are narrow and in some locations very slick due to ice and snow. The road closures are in effect only during weekdays, from midnight Sundays to six p.m. Fridays. The roads will remain open on the weekends. The closures are expected to last until the log truck traffic no longer presents a safety concern, or until snow and ice conditions improve.

The truck traffic is associated with the Frenchtown Face restoration project, which began this winter. The project includes timber harvest on approximately 3,621 acres and prescribed burning on 3,598 acres, aimed at reducing the potential for a crown fire in the wildland urban interface. Other activities include: replacing or removing 19 culverts, construction of 1.5 miles of horse trail, upgrading existing recreation sites, noxious weed treatments and rehab of a former placer mining site.

For current information on the road closures on the Ninemile Ranger District please contact the District office at (406) 626-5201.

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