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Jocko Lakes Salvage Sold to Pyramid Mountain Lumber

Missoula, MT. – Pyramid Mountain Lumber Inc., in Seeley Lake recently purchased the Jocko Lakes Fire timber salvage and the company expects to begin harvest work within the next month. Work is expected to continue through the winter as conditions allow. Summer harvest work will commence once soil and road conditions improve after the spring thaw.

Besides removing burned, merchantable timber, the Jocko salvage project also protects resources by decommissioning roads, removing aquatic barriers to allow for fish passage, and applying ground-based herbicide treatments to combat noxious weeds.

The project received 19 public comments during the public scoping period and during a 30 day public comment period on the Environmental Assessment (EA). Substantive issues raised in the comments were incorporated into the final EA decision.

The project calls for harvesting timber on less than fifteen percent of the Jocko Lakes Fire burned area within the Lolo National Forest -- approximately 1,648 acres. The project's primary intent -- or purpose and need -- is to recover the economic value of burned, merchantable timber.

A range of criteria have been established for the project to minimize impacts to the landscape. They include the following measures: no harvest in timber stands classified as old growth; measures to protect the post-fire soils, and no harvest activities within 300 feet of perennial fish bearing streams.

For specific information on the Jocko Lakes Fire Salvage EA, please see the Lolo National Forest website, under Plans and Projects (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/projects/>).

More information on the Jocko Lakes project is also available by contacting Seeley Lake District Ranger Tim Love at (406) 677-3905.

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