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Firewood Harvesters Should Avoid Jocko Fire Salvage Area

Missoula, MT. – Seeley Lake Ranger District officials are asking firewood harvesters to avoid cutting firewood within some of the burned areas of the Jocko Lakes Fire perimeter. The burned areas—generally to the west of Placid and Jocko Lakes – are part of the Jocko Lakes fire salvage project and the burned timber will be included in a salvage timber sale that will be put out for bid sometime next year.

Areas recommended for firewood cutting within the Jocko area include:

- The upper Finley area around Boles Peak and the area of the Boles Fire -- Forest Service Road 9974 past the junction of Forest Service Road 16899
- Placid Creek Road (Forest Service Road 349) above the turn off to Forest Service Road 4342
- Forest Service Road 2192 up to the crossing of Archibald Creek. The northern part of the Archibald Loop is open for firewood cutting.

The Jocko Lakes Fire burned approximately 10,000 acres on the Lolo National Forest last summer. The total salvage acres for the project would include approximately 1,648 acres – less than six percent of the burned area on the Seeley Lake Ranger District. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently being prepared by a team of resource specialists for the salvage project and that analysis is expected to be available for public review and comment late this fall. A final EA and decision is expected this winter, and timber salvage work could begin next spring or early summer.

Those interested in cutting firewood on the Seeley Lake Ranger District should contact the Seeley Lake Ranger District front office at (406) 677-2233.

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