



*Nez Perce N.F.*  
***NEWS RELEASE***

United States  
Department of Agriculture

Forest Service  
Nez Perce National Forest  
104 Airport Road  
Grangeville, Idaho 83530

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 3, 2008**

**Contact: Jennifer Stephenson  
(208) 983-4049**

**Timber salvage proposed from Poe-Cabin wildfire**

The Salmon River Ranger District of the Nez Perce National Forest is proposing to remove dead and dying trees from a portion of the 2007 Poe-Cabin wildfire area. Timber harvest (salvage) of dead and dying trees is proposed on six units, approximately 180 acres, within the headwaters of the West Fork Race Creek and Cow Creek. Tractor and skyline logging systems would be used to harvest fire damaged timber (approximately 134 acres and 46 acres, respectively). Some trees would be marked to remain within the units to meet Forest Plan standards. Activity generated fuels would be treated using a combination of whole tree yarding broadcast and/or jackpot burning, or excavator pile and burning. Following timber harvest and fuel treatments, tree planting would be scheduled in most units to speed forest recovery. This project would have some ground disturbing activity consisting of timber harvest, temporary road (0.5 miles) and landing construction (4 acres), road re-construction (Road 1819; 2.2 miles) and fireline construction. The project includes specific design criteria and mitigation measures and monitoring activities. The project would be implemented in the summer of 2008.

The Forest Service preliminary assessment has determined the Buckhorn Salvage Project may fall within a category of actions that is excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. It appears that no extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude use of the category.

The Forest Service is asking for your comments on this proposed project at this time. Information regarding this proposal is available from the Salmon River Ranger District office, 304 Slate Creek Road, White Bird, Idaho; or at the Nez Perce National Forest, 104 Airport Road; Grangeville, Idaho; or online at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/projects/>; or by calling Jennie Fischer, Project Leader at (208) 983-1950.

###