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PILE BURNING PLANNED AT BASS CREEK

Hamilton, MT. – The Stevensville Ranger District has announced that Pyramid Mountain Lumber of Seeley Lake is planning, weather permitting, to begin pile burning operations at the Bass Creek Recreation Area as early as Friday, November 8th. The piles are a result of clean-up of debris from the 765-acre logging operation this summer at the recreation area. The contractors are planning on burning approximately 20 piles, some up to ¼ acre in size. Drivers and residents may notice smoke over the next several days west of Stevensville near the Bass Creek area and visible from Highway 93.

The pile burning will only take place if optimum weather and smoke parameters are met; including wet enough conditions to limit the chance of the fire spreading beyond intended piles. Before a decision is made to ignite the piles, contractors must confirm that weather conditions will allow the smoke to disperse. Just as private landowners need to check with authorities prior to burning, so must fire managers. The weather forecast on Friday and through the weekend is calling for colder temperatures with rain and snow likely in the mountains.

For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461.

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