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Forest Road Closed

Hamilton, Montana (April 2, 2015) – The Stevensville Ranger District is closing Forest Road #428 to provide for public safety during logging operations on the Three Saddle Stewardship Project. Crews are harvesting trees in the upper reaches of Three Mile and Ambrose Creek drainages in the Sapphire Mountains east of Stevensville.

Heavy logging equipment is parked on the road. The closure is expected to last until April 30th and is between mile mark 7 and the junction with Forest Road #13125.

The project will send nearly 6 million board feet of timber (1,200 truckloads) to Montana sawmills. Along with the timber harvest, it will also reduce hazardous fuels and fire hazards created by the dead, dying and diseased trees. For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461.

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