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### Weed Spraying Planned on Three Saddle Project

Hamilton, Montana (September 4, 2015) – The Bitterroot National Forest will initiate post-timber sale treatment of weeds on the Three Saddle Project east of Stevensville to encourage native vegetation recovery and prevent the establishment of invasive weeds. Spraying is scheduled to begin this Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and if the weather cooperates, will be completed in two weeks. Work will not occur on weekends.

Treatments are planned on roads 428 (Ambrose), 428A, 2129, 640 (Threemile Creek) and 1334, along with all timber sale temporary roads. Spot spray applications by ATV, truck, or hand methods will target several species of concern including spotted knapweed, houndstongue, St. Johnswort, dalmation toadflax, leafy spurge, and rush skeletonweed.

A certified commercial contractor will perform the work and Aminopyralid, also known as 'milestone' is the primary herbicide that will be used. Treated areas will be posted with a notice identifying the date of application and the herbicide typically dries within a few hours. For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461.

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