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Contract Awarded on Sam Billings Timber Salvage

Hamilton, Montana (October 20, 2015) – The Bitterroot National Forest has announced that Nelson Trucking of Darby has been awarded a timber contract to clean-up dozens of fallen trees in the Sam Billings Campground on the West Fork. The trees, mostly large Ponderosa Pines, came crashing down during a windstorm on August 10th. The same storm was responsible for toppling trees all across the Valley and leaving thousands without power. There were several people in the campground at the time of the storm, but thankfully no one was injured and there was no damage to vehicles. See attached photo.

The small salvage sale will provide approximately 20 thousand board feet of timber (5 truckloads) to a local company while also cleaning up the popular campground so it's ready for use next spring. The project is scheduled to begin later this month, weather permitting. There will be minimal timber falling operations, as most of the trees were pulled out of the soil at the roots.

For more information, contact the West Fork Ranger District at (406) 821-3269. Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot and www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF.

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