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Road

Hamilton, Montana (July 1, 2017) – The Stevensville Ranger District has re-opened Willow Creek Roads #364 and #969 east of Corvallis following several slides that closed the road on June 13th. The slides were triggered by localized, heavy rainfall that dumped more than 3 inches of rain on the Sapphire Mountains in less than 48-hours.

Bitterroot National Forest road crews removed 64 dump truck loads of mud, rocks and debris that the storm washed down onto Willow Creek Road. They also repaired numerous road slump failures, installed drain pipes to improve road drainage along with planting grasses and shrubs to reduce sediment flow into Willow Creek.

Forest officials would like to thank the public for their patience, understanding and cooperation during the closure and also remind them to drive safely and with caution in these areas. Road banks will remain soft and it will take weeks for the soils to settle and vegetation to take root and stabilize the soil.

Notify your local Forest Service office of any road damage, downed trees, plugged culverts or flooding conditions on Forest Service roads.

For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461. Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF and www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF.

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