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From: Glenda Wiles on behalf of Ravalli County Commissioners Office
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The Westside project will provide over 6 million board feet of timber to Montana sawmills. The project includes commercial timber harvests (logging) on 1,200 acres of overstocked National Forest System lands between Lost Horse Creek and Roaring Lion Creek southwest of Hamilton.

The purpose of the project is to improve forest health and reduce hazardous fuels and lower crown fire hazards while also restoring wildlife and native plant habitat and diversity. In addition to the logging, the project also includes prescribed fire for fuels reduction.

Closure signs and maps will be posted at the trailhead parking area. Coyote Coulee is a popular hiking and horseback riding area that gets heavy use, so hikers and riders should be on alert and watch out for work crews. The trail system provides the novice rider (both horse and bicycle) and hikers with a relatively easy trail that is close to Highway 93 and accessible most of the year.

For more information, contact the Darby/Sula Ranger District at (406) 821-3913. Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverBitterrootNF and www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF.

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