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Coyote Coulee Trail Closed Due to Active Timber Harvesting

Hamilton, Montana (December 20, 2017) – The Darby/Sula Ranger District has announced that due to active logging operations on the Little Jumper and Westside Timber Sales the popular Coyote Coulee Trail #127 and #511, and surrounding area in the Lost Horse drainage will be closed for public safety. Contractors and heavy equipment will be working in the area during logging operations, the public is advised to use caution when traveling the 496 and 429 roads. Closure signs and maps will be posted at the trailhead parking area. The closure is effective starting December 20, 2017 until rescinded.

The Little Jumper and 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.

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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