

# What's That Loud Noise?

**A forest thinning project is taking place on the hillside west of the parking lot and Wapiti Trail.**

**Large forestry equipment (called mastication machinery) will operate from February through June, thinning approximately 163 acres. The mechanical treatment will break apart shrubs and trees into smaller pieces that will be left on site.**

**It is likely you can hear the thinning project as you hike or ride along the trail. Please do not be tempted to go off trail to see the operation. The equipment can throw forest debris up to 300 feet in any direction!**

**For your safety -- stay out of the area. Entering the closed area could result in serious injury or death.**

**Like so many ponderosa pine forests, the area is unnaturally dense due to years of fire suppression. This project will help create an uneven-aged forest with meadows that more closely resembles natural conditions.**

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