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Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Travel Plan Project Open House

The Forest Service is hosting an open house public meeting on Thursday, April 27, to discuss the Travel Plan Project for the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Fernan Elementary School, 520 N. 21st Street in Coeur d'Alene.

In 2005, the Forest Service published a new rule for providing motor vehicle access to national forests and grasslands. The rule requires each national forest unit to designate those roads, trails and areas open to motorized vehicle use, and identify them on a motor vehicle use map. The map will be published annually, and will be free to the public. The motorized vehicle use map will not replace visitor maps or other maps intended to convey visitor information – the map only addresses routes designated for motor vehicle use.

This is the first of several meetings that will be held with the public regarding the project. “We’ll use a variety of tools to ensure that anyone who has an interest is kept informed and has plenty of opportunities to help shape the District’s Travel Plan,” said Linda McFaddan, Deputy District Ranger and Project Team Leader. “We really need people to be involved early in the process and work with us to develop a proposed Travel Plan. We’re looking for a balance of representation for all interests. Participants, whether representing a group or their own interest, have to be willing to work with people who have interests they may not agree with, and be willing to work toward solutions.”

For more information, please contact one of the Assistant Team Leaders at the Fernan Office of the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District: Don Garringer, (208) 769-3005 or Rob Davies, (208) 769-3067.

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