



Hello!

We're ready for our second public meeting on the Travel Plan Project for the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. **Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Canyon Elementary School, E. 27405 School House Loop, Cataldo, Idaho (directions are provided on the next page).** If you require an alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact us prior to the meeting.

A few weeks ago we met with interested members of the public to introduce the project and discuss the new rule for motor vehicle access to the national forest. The May 31 meeting will be much different—truly a working meeting. We'll be available to help those people who are submitting recommendations register their proposals. In return, we'll ask participants to help us run each proposal through a simple screening process that will help us sort out which may be appropriate to include in the Proposed Action and which will not be appropriate to consider under the Travel Plan project. The May 31 meeting will not be about making decisions—it will focus on defining proposed changes and gathering the information we need to be able to develop a Proposed Action to present to the general public.

If you have a proposed change to the existing District travel routes, we need you to provide some basic information concerning the location and reasoning for proposing the change, the existing designated use, vehicle class, and any seasonal opening information. The Project Team has developed the attached one-page form to be used for documenting the proposal. We need you to complete a form for each proposed change and bring the forms to the May 31 public meeting, or submit them prior to May 31 to the Travel Plan Project Team at either of our District offices.

Although there was a turnout of less than 40 citizens at the last public meeting, there appeared to be a good representation of interests, including ATV users, motorcycle riders, hunters, horsemen, hikers, conservationists, environmental organizations, and other interested individuals. There was some concern expressed that those with nonmotorized interests would not have a role in the project. While we won't be creating any new nonmotorized routes under this particular project, someone could choose to propose changing a route currently designated for motorized use to a designation that does not allow motorized use. They would have to provide the same level of information and rationale for their proposal as with any other proposed change to a travel route. Also, once a Proposed Action is developed and presented to the public, it will be important that anyone who has an interest in the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District to review the recommended changes and voice any concerns. There is a time and place in this process for everyone to put forth their proposals and concerns that relate to motorized uses on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District.

If you have questions, suggestions, or need more information, please call us. We'll be glad to talk over your concerns.

Linda McFadden

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Deputy District Ranger/Project Team Leader

Missed the April 27 Public Meeting?

No problem! You can catch up by visiting our project web page:

www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/cda/travelplan/

We used a slideshow to provide an overview of the Forest Service's new rule on motorized access to the national forests and grasslands, and to briefly describe the process we're using to develop the Motorized Vehicle Use Map for the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. In addition, we displayed a series of maps that encompass the entire District, displaying those routes that are available for consideration under this project.

Both the slideshow and maps are available on our web page. You can also get a copy of the maps on compact disk (CD) from our office if you need them. For those who choose not to use a computer, a set of the maps has also been left at each of the following locations:

Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District—

Fernan Office
2502 East Sherman Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Silver Valley Office
173 Commerce Drive
Smelterville, Idaho

(Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Hayden Lake Library
8385 N. Government Way
Hayden, Idaho

Kellogg Public Library
16 W. Market Avenue
Kellogg, Idaho

Post Falls Public Library
821 N. Spokane
Post Falls, Idaho

Shoshone County Courthouse
700 Bank Street
Wallace, Idaho

Are We There Yet?

Not yet, but we're making progress! The following are some of the key checkpoints:

April—June 2006: At our May 31 public meeting, we'll continue our collaborative activities with interested members of the public. We've tentatively scheduled our third public meeting on June 22 (in Coeur d'Alene) to complete development of the Proposed Action. Depending on the number of proposed changes submitted, it may require yet another meeting to get to this point; if so, we'll schedule a fourth public meeting in early July.

July—August 2006: We'll present the Proposed Action that was developed through the collaborative efforts to the general public for their comments and suggested changes. To ensure that there is ample time to discuss the proposed Travel Plan, this "scoping" period will last 60 days.

September—December 2006: After incorporating any necessary changes identified during scoping, the project team will analyze and document potential effects of the Proposed Action and any alternatives developed during scoping.

January—March 2007: Our findings will be presented to the public in an environmental assessment for their review. We will work with interested members of the public to respond to their concerns, comments and specific recommendations for designation of roads and trails. This review period will last 90 days.

April—May 2007: We'll prepare a Decision Notice to document the details of the new Travel Plan.

Directions to Canyon Elementary

From Coeur d'Alene, travel east on I-90 to Exit 34 (Hwy 3-Rose Lake/St. Maries). At the stop sign, turn left across the interstate, then right on East Canyon Road. Go 1.2 miles, turn left at East School House Loop. The school is about 0.3 miles further—you should be able to see it. Enter through the front doors—we'll be in the gymnasium.

See you there!



For more information, please call:

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Checklist for Proposed Change to a Route on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District

Briefly describe the proposed route change, including the location of the route and rationale for proposing the change. Use route numbers if available. Be prepared to show the location on a map.

Designation (Check One)

- Route currently exists and is a designated road or trail.
- Route currently exists but is not a designated road or trail.
- Route does not currently exist and would require construction.

Current Vehicle Class

(Check One)

- Road open only to highway-legal vehicles.
- Road open to all motor vehicles.
- Trail open only to vehicles less than or equal to 50 inches in width.
- Trail open only to motorcycles.
- Trail open only to nonmotorized uses.

Proposed Vehicle Class

(Check One)

- Road open only to highway-legal vehicles.
- Road open to all motor vehicles.
- Trail open only to vehicles less than or equal to 50 inches in width.
- Trail open only to motorcycles.
- Trail open only to nonmotorized uses.

Current Time of Year Designation

(Check One)

- There is currently no designated time of year (season) the route is open to motorized use.
- Current designated time of year the route is open to motorized use is from _____ (month) to _____ (month).

Proposed Time of Year Designation

(Check One)

- No change proposed.
- Proposed designated time of year the route is open to motorized use is from _____ (month) to _____ (month).

PLEASE BRING THIS CHECKLIST TO THE MAY 31 PUBLIC MEETING OR SUBMIT IT TO THE COEUR D'ALENE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (ATTN: TRAVEL PLAN PROJECT) BEFORE MAY 31, 2006.

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