Travel Plan meeting scheduled for Thursday

SHOSHONE COUNTY — The Forest Service will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28 to discuss the proposed action for the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District Travel Plan Project. The meeting is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Forest Service supervisor's office for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, 3815 Schreiber Way (off Kathleen) 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 to designate those roads, trails and areas open to motorized vehicle use, and identify them on a motor vehicle use map. The Coeur d'Alene District Travel Plan Project is intended to develop that map, which will be available free to the public.

This will be the fourth meeting with the public on this project. In April, the Forest Service met with interested members of the public to introduce the project and discuss the new rule for motor vehicle access on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. In May and again in June, they met to begin gathering proposals from the public to change existing travel routes on the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District. The Forest Service has used this information to develop a proposed action, and is developing a map and detailed description of the proposed action, which will be available to the public by mid-September.

The intent of the Sept. 28 meeting is to describe the process used to develop the proposed action, help the public become familiar with the it, and to answer questions regarding the Travel Plan Project.

For more information about the meeting or the project, please contact Rob Davies at the Fernan office of the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District at (208) 769-3067, or visit the project Web page (www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/cda/travelplan/).

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