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Hello –

Enclosed is your copy of the **Rolling Hills Larch Environmental Assessment (EA)**, which addresses a timber management proposal within the Lost and Shoshone Creek drainages (T50N, R4E, sections 3-5 and 8-9, T51N, R4E, sections 21-22, 27-29, and 32-34). We have prepared this EA to determine whether or not implementing the proposed activities would result in significant effects warranting preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

A legal ad has been published in the *Coeur d'Alene Press* newspaper, announcing availability of the Rolling Hills Larch EA. Comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of that legal ad. Comments must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6. Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest in this proposed action by the close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision.

Comments can be submitted several ways: Please **send written comments** to NEPA Coordinator, Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District - Fernan Office, 2502 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814-5899. Written comments may be **faxed** to the NEPA Coordinator at the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District office, at (208) 769-3062. Written comments may also be **hand-delivered** to the District's Fernan or Smelterville Offices. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Electronic comments** may be submitted to comments-northern-idpanhandle-coeur-dalene@fs.fed.us. The subject line must contain the name of the project for which you are submitting comments. Acceptable formats are MS Word, Word Perfect, or RTF. Regardless of the method used to submit comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection.

Copies of the environmental assessment have been mailed to those who indicated an interest in the project. For the convenience of our interested public and in an effort to conserve paper and reduce publication costs, documents related to this proposal are also available to the public on the IPNF web site (www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/manage/nepa).

I am the Responsible Official for this project. For more information regarding the proposal, please contact Project Team Leader Bob Rehnberg by telephone (208-769-3054) or e-mail (rrehnberg@fs.fed.us); or contact District Ecosystem Staff Sherri Lionberger (208-769-3022; e-mail slionberger@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

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