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Ref: Granite Reeder Sewer Project

Dear Reader:

The Environmental Assessment (EA) Appendix for the Granite Reeder Sewer Project is completed and ready for public review and comment. The project proposes to convey 80 acres of National Forest System land to Granite Reeder Water and Sewer District for the purpose of constructing a sewage treatment facility; and authorize by special use permit the construction of sewage transmission lines and related facilities on National Forest System lands. The project is located on the Priest Lake Ranger District.

The Forest Supervisor, Ranotta McNair, would like to hear your comments on the proposal. The EA Appendix is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/mange/nepa/index/html>. If you prefer a hardcopy, please contact Camilla Cary at (208) 443-6829.

A legal notice is being published in the Coeur d'Alene Press newspaper announcing availability of the document and describing the objection process. Project-specific comments on the EA Appendix **must be postmarked or received no later than 30 days from the date of publication**. The publication date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file a comment (36 CFR § 215.6((a)(2)(i))). Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframes information provided by any other source (36 § CFR 215(a)(4)). At a minimum, a comment must include the following (36 CFR § 215.6((a)(3))):

1. *The commentor's name and address, with a telephone number if available;*
2. *Title of the proposed action;*
3. *Specific substantive comments (§ 215.2) on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision;*
4. *A signature or other verification of identity upon request (a scanned signature for e-mail may be filed with the comment); identification of the individual or organization who authored the comment(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility.*

Written comments may be submitted by facsimile to (208) 765-7223, by mail, or in person at:

Granite Reeder Sewer Project
Idaho Panhandle National Forests
Supervisor's Office
Attn: Tom Ball
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8363

Comments may be submitted orally at the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor's Office in Coeur d'Alene. If oral comments are provided at the Supervisor's Office they must be provided during normal business hours (Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding



federal holidays) via telephone or in person. Contact person is Tom Ball; telephone (208) 765-7223.

Comments may be submitted electronically to: comments-northernidpanhandle@fs.fed.us. The subject line must contain the name of the project: Granite Reeder Sewer Project. Acceptable formats are MS Word or RTF. For electronically mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement of the receipt of comments. It is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means (36 CFR § 215.7(a)(4)).

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for the project and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR § 1.27(d), any person may request that the agency withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied; the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified time.

The **Responsible Official** for this proposal is Forest Supervisor Ranotta K. McNair. She will make a decision on the project following the comment period. A notice of this decision will be mailed to those who indicated an interest in the project.

If you have other question or would like more information, please contact Tom Ball.

Sincerely,


KATHY MURPHY
District Ranger

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