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Public meeting scheduled to discuss proposed Upper Lochsa Land Exchange

Orofino, ID—In response to a request for additional information regarding the proposed Upper Lochsa Land Exchange, the Forest Service is holding a public “scoping” meeting to provide information and collect public comments regarding the proposal.

The meeting is scheduled Wednesday, April 8, at the Moscow Job Service Conference Room, 1350 Troy Road, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Interested individuals are invited to meet with representatives from the Forest Service and Western Pacific Timber, LLC, and to provide input regarding the proposed exchange.

The Upper Lochsa proposal involves the exchange of up to 28,000 acres of scattered parcels of national forest system lands in north central Idaho for 40,000 acres of private lands in the headwaters of the Lochsa River. The private lands are currently owned by Western Pacific Timber, LLC.

The proposed land exchange provides an opportunity for the Forest Service to place privately-owned “checkerboard” lands within the headwaters of the Lochsa River into public ownership.

Documents regarding the proposed land exchange along with legal descriptions and maps showing parcels proposed for exchange are posted on the Clearwater National Forest’s website www.fs.fed.us/rl/clearwater under the heading “Projects.”

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