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4.1 Public Involvement Summary

Nine newspaper articles and press releases regarding the travel planning effort were published in the local and regional papers since spring of 2004, including The Star News (McCall), The Long Valley Advocate (Cascade), The Adams County Record (Council), The Weiser Signal American (Weiser), and the Idaho Statesman (Boise). Legal Notices were published in The Star News and The Idaho Statesman.

Proposed Action

Public involvement in this project officially began in October of 2004 when the proposed action was issued to 616 members of the public. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on October 4, 2004. Public comment was taken through January 7th, 2005. Many comments were received including: 130 comment forms, 165 emails, 34 faxes, 254 letters, and 964 postcards. All comments received were reviewed and categorized by issue. Major issues were incorporated into the design of two new alternatives. Documents detailing the review of public comments and how the agency incorporated the substantive comments into new alternative design are available in the Project Record.

The McCall Winter Recreation Forum has been developing proposals to address winter recreation use. Although this group did not come to agreement on a unified proposal, aspects of various members' proposals were incorporated into one or more of the alternatives for the Travel Plan.

Five public meetings were held in September and October of 2004, in McCall, Riggins, Council, New Meadows, and Weiser, Idaho. Informational meetings were held at the request of many stakeholders during the scoping phase of the project.

The project (including the Proposed Action, press releases, and additional information) was featured on the PNF website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/payette>. The Proposed Action maps, narratives, and summaries were available for review at the Weiser Ranger District, the Council Ranger District, the New Meadows Ranger District, the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area in Riggins, and the Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office in McCall.

Scoping letters were sent to three Tribal Nations: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley, and Nez Perce Tribe. Formal government-to-government consultation has occurred with the Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes including briefings to the tribal councils.

Draft EIS

The DEIS was published in early February of 2006. The comment period on the DEIS officially began on February 17, 2006 when the Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register. The Forest initially established a 46-day comment period. The comment period was extended an additional 46 days at the request of members of the public.

Five public meetings were held in February and March of 2006, in Boise, Weiser, Council, New Meadows, and McCall. The DEIS and accompanying maps were featured on the PNF website. Copies of the DEIS and the maps were available at all Forest offices.

Copies of the DEIS were sent to three Tribal Nations: the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley, and the Nez Perce Tribe. Formal government-to-government consultation on the project continued with the Nez Perce Tribe and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe.

During the 92-day comment period on the DEIS, the Forest received approximately 450 comments including letters, emails, and faxes. All comments received were reviewed and categorized by issue. The Forest then developed a new action alternative, Alternative E, to respond to these comments and to address Ranger District specific needs and preferences.

4.2 List of Recipients

The following is a list of the businesses, agencies, and individuals to whom this Final EIS for Payette NF Travel Planning was sent. This list includes those who requested copies, required agencies, and other involved parties. Additional copies of this document are available by request, either by document form or CD, from the Payette National Forest's offices in McCall, New Meadows, Council, and Weiser. This document is also available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/payette/publications/>.

4.2.1 Media

Long Valley Advocate
Star News, Tom Grote
Idaho Statesman

4.2.2 State and County Officials

Adams County Commissioners, Mike Paradis
Blaine County Commissioners, Sarah Michael, Commissioner
City of McCall, Community Development Director
Idaho County Board of Commissioners
Valley County Commissioners, Lois Van Hoover
Washington County Commissioners, Roy Mink

4.2.3 Federal Agencies and Officials

Boise National Forest, Forest Supervisor
Environmental Protection Agency, Denise Clark, NEPA Review
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Fisheries
Governor Butch Otter
Sawtooth National Forest, Forest Supervisor
Senator Larry Craig
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

4.2.4 Tribal Governments

Nez Perce Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes

4.2.5 Organizations

Backcountry Horseman of Idaho
 Baker's Plumbing Company, Jeffrey Baker
 Blue Ribbon Coalition, Brian Hawthorne
 Browns Industry, Judd DeBoer
 Center for Biological Diversity, Erik Ryberg
 Central ID Mountain Bike Association
 Central Idaho Recreation Coalition, Gabriela Hess
 Colorado State University Library, Community Development Director
 Echo Films, Norm Nelson
 Ecology Center
 FANWS, Jim McAllister, Chairman
 Forest Road Users Coalition, Tom Adair
 FSEEE, James Johnston
 Idaho ATV Association, Bill Jones
 Idaho Conservation League, John Robison
 Idaho Conservation League, Kathryn Goldman
 Idaho Outfitters & Guides, Grant Simonds
 Idaho Rivers United, Kevin Lewis
 Idaho Sporting Congress, Ron Mitchell, Director
 Idaho State Snowmobile Association, Sandra Mitchell
 Intermountain Forest Association
 McCall Area Snowmobile Club, Karl & Kathleen Klokke
 Montana Snowmobile Association, Charles Hedrick
 Off-Road Travel Association, Bill Dart
 Packer Victory Family Heritage, Irene Victory
 Payette Grazing Association, Weldon Branch
 Payette Lakes Alpine Yurts, LLC, Joseph Baugh
 Quality Heating & Air Conditioning, Bruce Graham, VP
 Russell Surveying & GIS, John Russell
 SnoMoVaders, David George
 Soulen Livestock
 Starkey Hot Springs, Evelyn Snider
 Stewards of the Sequoia, Chris Horgan, Director
 The Wilderness Society, Craig Gehrke
 Treasure Valley Trail Machine Association, Brett Madron
 Trout Unlimited, Scott Stouder
 West Mountain Gear & Grind, Damon Yerkes
 Western Environmental Law Center, Amy Atwood
 Wilderness Society, Idaho Office
 Winter Wildlands Alliance, Sally Ferguson, Program Manager

4.2.6 State Agencies

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Quality
 Idaho Department of Lands, Sheldon Keafer
 Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Jeff Cook

Idaho Fish and Game, Eric Leitzinger
 Southern Idaho Timber Protection Association, Mark Woods

4.2.7 Individuals

Pete & Judy Albertson
 Wayne Albright
 Glen and Joanne Anderson
 Jan & Harold Appel
 Kimberly Apperson
 Tony Ares
 Toby Ashley
 John Balderson
 Robert & Diane Barkley
 Michelle Basye
 Joseph Baugh
 Bruce Baughman
 Earl Baumgarten
 Rob Beeson
 Jenni Blake
 Raymond & Kathy Blanchard
 Carl Bloomquist
 Gretchen Borck
 Roy Bowman
 ReNae Bradfield
 Mitch Brinton
 Clarence & Shirley Brunmeier
 David Buck
 Bev Buel
 Rick Bunch
 Kim Burchtorf
 Wayne & Julie Burkhardt
 Jeff Canfield
 Richard Carlson
 Richard E. Carlson, MD
 Steve Carpenter
 Bruce Carter
 Claire Casey
 Jim Chambers
 Scott Chapman
 Mike Christianson & Sue Douglas
 Brent Claiborn
 David Claiborne
 Haden Claiborne
 Chuck Coble
 Dick & Lorwia Combs
 Dick Coppock
 Dave Couch
 Joe Couch

Jim Crawford
 Tom Crimmins
 Jerry & Carol Crow
 Dardis Family
 Jeff Davis
 Cliff & Bev Day
 Diane DeBoer
 Roger DeBolt
 Marion Denney
 Steve Deyo
 Steve Dick
 Judy Dinwiddie
 James Donnelly
 Dennis Edwards
 Harold Edwards
 Mike & Renae Edwards
 Richard Elkins
 Holly Endersby
 James Eveland
 Robert & F. Louise Everett
 Feil Family
 Garth Fisher
 Linda Fleetwood
 Wayne & Karen Forrey
 Tim Foster
 Steve Fredriksen
 Wayne Freedman
 Dorthy Freeland
 Steve Frisbie
 Charles Garner
 Lane Gary
 Andy Gehrke
 Dennis Geis
 Ray and Shirly Greene
 Ralph Grieninger
 Larry Groesbeck
 John Grubbs
 Robert Hafer
 Hall Family
 Bryon Hallett
 Jeff Halligan
 Dave Halpin
 Don & Betty Hamilton
 Ron Hamilton
 Charles & Rosa Harmon

Steve Harper	Paul McKague
Daryl Hart	Larry McMillen
Dan Haynes	Donald Mello
Dennis & Carol Healy	Syl & Carolyn Menichetti
Howard Heminger	Larry Meredith
John Hickok	Keith Meyer
Ken Highley	Dan & Mindy Meyer
John Hileman	Bruce Miller
William Hines	Evert Miller
Gil & Camilla Holm	Harold Miller
Brad Holt	Johhne & Zee Miller
T. Allen & Tonja Hoover	Glad Mills
Kay Hummel	Wayne & Florence Mohler
Jim Humphries	Morell Family
Evan Huntsman	Rich Naylor
Argolis Hyatt	Gene Neely
Ray & Ben Ingram	Mark Oetken
Don Jacobs	Shawn Ogden
William Johns	Kyle & Rena Olmstead
Dan Johnson	Marilyn Olson
Daniel Johnson	Jack Paananen
Harold Johnson	Mike Palmer
Becky Johnstone	Mike Paradis
Jimmy Jones	Ray Parsons
Sisson Joyce	Todd Pederson
Billie & Don Kesler	Larry Peterson
Jeff Kimpson	Peterson Family
Linda Kincer	Bob Pilkinton
Scott Kirkes	Mickey & Laurie Pillers
Robert Kitterman	Jason & Debbie Pisca
Tim Koerner	Gene Plummer
Daniel Krahn	Michael Ponozzo
Allison Kuehl	Dean & Judy Pritchard
Scot Kump	Mel Quale
Stacy LeFay	Chuck Rea
Larry Lake	Al Reiners
James Lancaster	Richard Renstrom
Kelly & Julie Landon	Rickerts Family
David Lawrence	Steve Roedel
Doug & Jane Leatherman	Larry Ross
Joe Ledgerwood	Zach Rubelt & Jack Babert
John Lewinski	C & C Rudd
Kay Lisenbe	Ronald & Boone Sanders
Kay Lisendor	Bill & Sandy Schiffman
Marlene Lively	Tom Schoonover
Mickey Matthews	John Schott
Stan Matthews	Lon Schultz
Ross & Etta Mayfield	Chris & Lois Schwarzhoff
Jim McAllister	Arthur Seamans
John (Mac) McBoyle	Mike Simplot
Darrel McCracken	Joyce Sisson

John Smistad
Dale & Terry Smith
Doug Smith
Fred & Callie Smith
Larry Smith
Aaron Sobers
Curt Spalding
Reg Spannaus
Harry Stathis
Virgil & Vi Stuart
Brad Thornton
Blaine Thurgood
Wayne Tuckness
Mary VanAmburg
Henry Vanderwyk
Greg & Diana Vita
Tom Wakefield
Leonard & Kay Wallace
Wallace Family
Bert Warner
John & Paula Warren
Peggy Weaver
Sheila Webb & Kevin Clark
Ben White
Jerald White
Lucille White
Rodney & Colton White
Lee Wilson
David Winter
Jim & Carol Wolfe
Mark Wood
John & Pam Wren
Skip & Donna Young
Yribar Family
Pat Ziemantz