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Travel Plan Comment Deadline November 25

The comment period for the Salmon-Challis National Forest Travel Planning Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) ends November 25. The Forest released the DEIS September 26, 2008, and has completed a round of seven public open house meetings to discuss the DEIS, issues and specific route designations with the public.

The DEIS has four alternatives that consider a wide range of motorized opportunities on the Forest. The Forest Service is not closing the entire Forest to motorized uses; however motorized travel will be limited to the designated routes.

No final decision has been made on which alternative will be selected. The information generated during this comment period will be considered and used by the District Rangers to develop a preferred alternative based on elements in the DEIS and the public comments. Forest Supervisor Bill Wood will make a decision on the Travel Plan late next spring with the intention of implementing the new Travel Plan in late 2009.

The DEIS and large scale color maps showing the alternatives are on display at all Ranger District Offices and the Forest Supervisors Office in Salmon. The maps are also available on the Salmon-Challis National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc>.

Written comments can be sent to:

Responsible Official William Wood, Forest Supervisor, 1206 South Challis Street Salmon, ID 83467. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-salmon-challis@fs.fed.us with Travel Planning DEIS on the subject line.

If you have questions about Travel Management Planning, please contact a District Ranger or Karen Gallogly, Travel Planning Team Leader at (208) 756-5103 Salmon-Challis National Forest, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467 or at kgallogly@fs.fed.us.