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## Forest Revises Travel Plan Maps and Proposed Action

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is revising the Proposed Action for the Forest Travel Plan to correct errors and improve the maps used in the original edition. The revised Proposed Action will be one of four alternatives displayed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that will be published in July.

“We received numerous public requests for better quality data and more accurate maps for the Proposed Action,” said Karen Gallogly, Travel Plan Interdisciplinary Team Leader. “During the fall and winter of 2007-2008 our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and associated data bases were upgraded and refined to improve the quality and accuracy of the maps and information.” During the process the Forest discovered errors in the mileages of roads and motorized trails described in the Proposed Action and some inconsistencies with the direction in the Forest Plans.

The Forest is revising the Proposed Action to correct the proposed miles of designated roads from approximately 3,400 miles to approximately 2,700 miles and from approximately 1,100 miles of motorized trails to approximately 800 miles. Gallogly emphasized that these figures reflect corrections and do not indicate a substantial change in the number of available motorized routes between the original Proposed Action and the revision. Most of the mileage difference occurred because original route mileages were often longer than the routes actually are. Most of these routes are still proposed for motorized use with the corrected mileage.

Some of the routes that were included in the original proposal are County or BLM routes. The Forest Service does not have the authority to make travel decisions for these routes so they have been removed from the Proposed Action. Travel on these routes will continue under direction from the appropriate entity.

Some of the motorized routes were inconsistent with the existing Recreation Opportunity Spectrum direction of the Forest Plans or were inconsistent with the existing Travel

Plans. Most of these routes will not appear in the revised Proposed Action, but will be considered in one of the other alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Gallogly also noted that the Revised Notice of Intent in the Federal Register the week of May 27, 2008 incorrectly summarized the revised mileages as 2,300 miles of designated roads and 900 miles of motorized trails in the revised Proposed Action. The correct mileages are approximately 2,700 miles of designated roads and 800 miles of motorized trails. Comparisons of the original route mileages from the Proposed Action and the corrected mileages for the revision appear in the tables posted on the Forest website at <http://www.fs.us/r4/sc>. The comparisons can also be viewed at each Ranger District or the Public Lands Center in Salmon.

The Forest Service is requesting any new scoping comments related to the revised Proposed Action and its potential effects on the quality of the human environment.

All comments received during the initial comment period (April 2006-March 2007) are being retained and considered as potentially relevant to the revised Proposed Action. Comments about the revised Proposed Action would be most useful if received by June 13, 2008. Please send or email written comments to:

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The revised Proposed Action will be Alternative 2 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will be released for comment in July 2008. Other alternatives include: Alternative 1, the no action alternative; Alternative 3, emphasis on protection of Roadless and recommended Wilderness values; and Alternative 4, emphasis on increased motorized use. The comment period on the DEIS will be 60 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.