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Forest Service Receives Appeals of Decision on Idaho Cobalt Project

Salmon-Challis National Forest has received two appeals on the Record of Decision (ROD) on the Idaho Cobalt Project, a cobalt mining project proposed by Formation Capital Corporation. The project is located in the Panther Creek drainage west of Salmon.

The ROD provides a framework for the agencies involved in oversight of the adjacent Blackbird Mine Site remediation to also be involved in oversight of the Idaho Cobalt operations to ensure remediation efforts of the Blackbird Mine are not compromised. The Environmental Protection Agency is the lead agency in ensuring remediation standards are met for the restoration of salmon and steelhead fisheries impacted by historic mining activities.

Two groups-individuals appealed the project; Noranda Mining, Noranda Exploration Inc. and the Blackbird Mining Co. Lt. Partnership; and Charles Pace.

The Intermountain Regional Office of the Forest Service will issue decisions on the appeals before April 30.

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