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## ***Forest Plan Revision News***

### **There's a Public Meeting Planned for Your Neck of the Woods**

The forest plan revision team will again host twelve public meetings this fall beginning October 18 in Spokane. The meetings will be in the same towns of eastern and western Washington as was scheduled last fall.

#### **Planned Meeting Agenda:**

- An overview of expected changes in the forest plans of the Colville, Okanogan, and Wenatchee National Forests will be presented.
- **The Main Event** at each meeting will require active participation by those attending. People will be asked by the Forest Service to talk about and then map the activities they participate in while visiting their national forests.

“We plan to use the information we receive from people attending the public meetings to help develop land management allocations for the revised forest plans,” said Linda Fee, plan revision team member. The Forest Service is required to analyze and consider comments submitted by the public as it revises forest plans for three national forests of eastern Washington.



LINDA FEE,  
PLAN REVISION TEAM MEMBER

***Want to participate but can't  
attend a public meeting?***

*See page 4 of this newsletter.*

## Here's the Meeting Schedule

All Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M.

<b>Spokane</b>	October 18	Spokane County/WSU Extension Service N 222 Havana, Spokane, WA (near Havana & Sprague)
<b>Ione/Metaline Falls</b>	October 19	Selkirk High School, on Hwy 31 between Ione & Metaline Falls
<b>Colville</b>	October 20	Community Colleges of Spokane, Colville Campus, Dominion Room
<b>Newport</b>	October 21	North Portable Building On Campus of Old Sadie Halstead Middle School, now largely vacant; (portable bldg. is on right as you face the front door)

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<b>Yakima</b>	October 25	Red Lion Yakima Gateway Hotel, 9 N. 9th St.
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<b>Wenatchee</b>	October 26	Wenatchee Red Lion Hotel, 1255 N. Wenatchee Ave.
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<b>Cle Elum</b>	October 27	Cle Elum Ranger District Office Conference Room
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<b>North Bend</b>	October 28	Snoqualmie Ranger District, 42404 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, WA
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<b>Okanogan</b>	November 3	Agriplex Annex, Okanogan County Fairgrounds
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<b>Republic</b>	November 4	Republic Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room
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<b>Tonasket</b>	November 8	Tonasket High School Commons
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<b>Methow Valley</b>	December 8	Liberty Bell High School Multi-Purpose Room
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## Here's How You Can Participate

In order to get a better understanding of how you value the national forest, we'd like to know **how and where** you use the national forest for various activities. You can give us your ideas by visiting our web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/cow](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/cow)

According to our records, you have indicated that you prefer to receive information from us via e-mail. Naturally, we assume you would also like to talk with us **electronically** about your activities, and where you do them on the national forest. If we've made a bad assumption, please contact us and we'll send you information on how to participate using hard copies. Otherwise, visit our web site and click on the "**Designate Your Activities and Favorite Places in the National Forest**" link located on our web site home page. Just follow the instructions posted. You will see a chart that asks you to list your national forest activities. You will also be able to designate the areas in which you do your activities by accessing two maps:

1) a map of the eastern portion of the Okanogan National Forest (essentially the Tonasket Ranger District) **and** the entire Colville National Forest,

**and**

2) a map of the western portion of the Okanogan National Forest (Methow Valley Ranger District) **and** the entire Wenatchee National Forest. Some major features such as streams, peaks, and land ownership are depicted on the maps to help you get your bearings. However, these are generalized maps so all geographic features will not be found.



## You've Got Work to Do!

### Before You Visit Our Web Site:

- A) Please take a few moments to think about the activities that you are involved in while visiting your national forests, and make a list of them. Activities are such things as hiking, motorized trail biking, fishing, berry picking, firewood cutting, snowmobiling, skiing, etc.
- B) Consider the areas of the national forests in which you conduct your activities.

C) Think about and list why you value these areas, or why they are special to you.

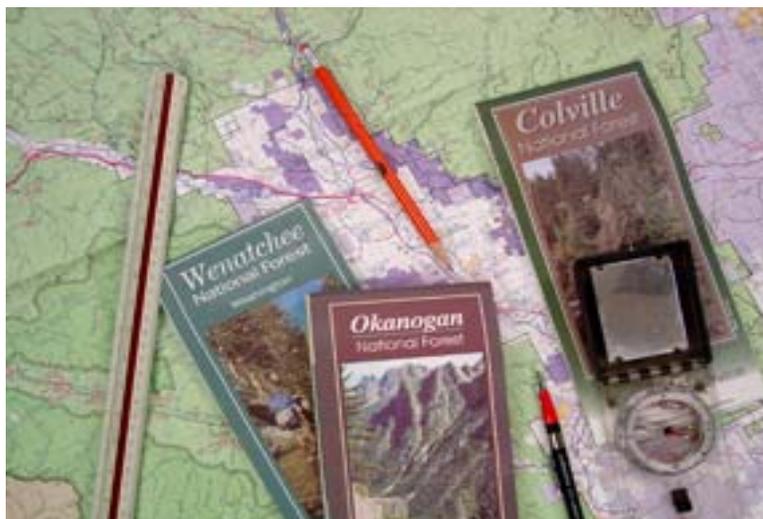
### When You Visit Our Web Site:

**Follow the Instructions after clicking on the link (see above) posted on our home page.**

- 1) List the activities you participate in while visiting your national forest.
- 2) State the general name(s) of the location(s) where you do your activities. Also designate the areas you use on your national forests using a map grid/coordinate system (see instructions on web site).
- 3) Think about and list why you value these areas, or why they are special to you.

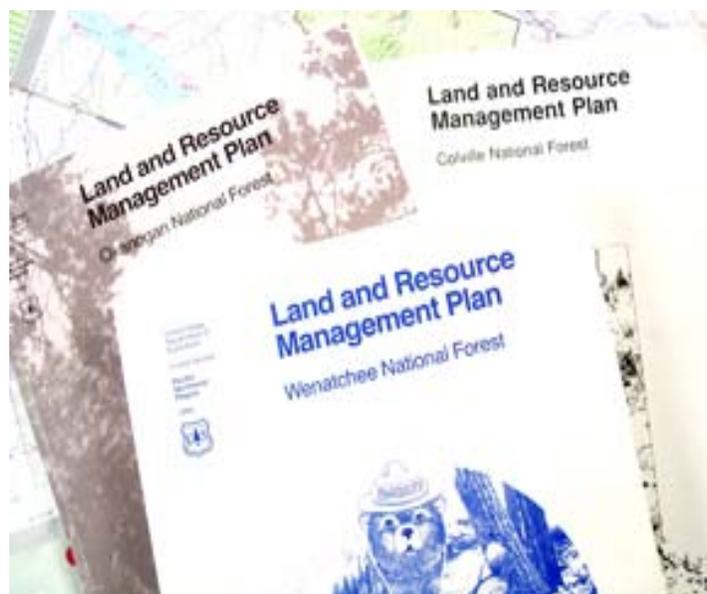
**Print a copy of the information you've provided on our web site BEFORE you click on the "Submit" button.**

**Please Note:** As stated on the previous page, the maps posted on our web site for this exercise are generalized and do not depict all landmarks. Many of you who are familiar with the local geography should have no trouble with this exercise. However, if you want to view more detail, you may want to obtain a recreation map available for sale at any of the offices of the Colville, Okanogan, or Wenatchee National Forests.



Thanks for taking the time to let us know the areas and activities that are important to you.

### National Forest Recreation Maps



### If you DO NOT plan on attending a public meeting,

we ask you to provide us your ideas by visiting our web site, and following the instructions (described on page 3 of this newsletter). **Please visit our web site and let us know about your national forest activities and special areas no later than 12-15-04.**

### If you plan on attending a public meeting,

we ask you to bring a copy of the information you've provided us on our web site to share with other meeting participants. **Please Note: You need to**

**print out a copy of the information you provide us while visiting our web site BEFORE you click on the "Submit" button.** We will transfer your activities to a large map at the meetings for the benefit of all meeting participants.

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