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National Forest Holds Open House

Oxford, MS.....Holly Springs National Forest District Ranger Melinda Mosser announced today that the District will hold two open house meetings in September to solicit public input on the National Forests in Mississippi Forest Plan Revision Update.

Each national forest in the United States operates under its own Forest Plan, which establishes the desired future condition for the land and resources and sets general direction for management. “A Forest Plan sets guidelines that tell us where and under what conditions our activities and projects can proceed,” said Mosser. “Because this plan will guide the National Forests in Mississippi through the next 10 to 15 years, input from those who use the forest is essential.”

All interested users of the national forest are invited to attend one of the open houses on Monday, September 27 to discuss comments and concerns or share information. The first meeting will be held at the **Benton County Courthouse on the square in Ashland from 1pm to 3pm**. The second meeting will be held at the **Mississippi State Extension Office at 101 Veterans Drive in Oxford from 6pm to 8pm**. At both meetings, Forest Service personnel will give a brief presentation, followed by group or one-on-one discussions.

For further information on the Forest Plan Revision, contact Jeff Long, Planning Team Leader, 601-965-4391 extension 149, or visit the National Forests in Mississippi website at <http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/mississippi>