

NOTICE OF BEAVER CREEK DEIS AVAILABILITY

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FOREST

ABOUT THE BEAVER CREEK PROJECT

The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest (IPNF) is proposing the Beaver Creek Project. The 28,200-acre Beaver Creek Resource Area is located entirely within Shoshone County, Idaho, approximately 15 miles northwest of Wallace, Idaho (T50N R4E, sections 31-35, T49N R3E sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T49N R4E sections 1-36, T49N R5E sections 7, 17-21, and 28-32, T48N R5E section 6, and T48N R4E sections 1-4, and 9-11, Boise Meridian). The Forest Service is proposing the following activities (by varying degrees) through two action alternatives:

- **Vegetation management activities** (commercial timber harvest and reforestation)
- **Fuel management activities** (site preparation, ecosystem burning, fuelbreaks)
- **Watershed improvement activities** (Aquatic Organism Passage upgrades, road decommissioning and storage)
NOTE: *None of the roads that are proposed for decommissioning under either alternative are currently open to public motorized travel under the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).*
- **Road management activities** (temporary and permanent road construction, road reconstruction and maintenance, road reconditioning and gate installation)

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) AVAILABILITY

The Beaver Creek Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is available electronically at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ipnf/landmanagement/projects>. (Scroll down to *Under Analysis* and click on *Beaver Creek*). If you would like an electronic copy on CD, you can submit your request through one of the following options:

1. Email comments-northern-idpanhandle-coeur-dalene@fs.fed.us. (Subject **Beaver Creek DEIS Request**)
2. Return this form. Check the box below and follow the instructions for returning the form.
 - a. Please send me a CD copy of the DEIS.
 - b. Fold so that this side is enclosed. Using the existing folds, **ensure the portion of the page with your address as the return address is on the outside.**
 - c. Tape the bottom edge. **Do not staple** as the post office no longer accepts stapled mailers.
 - d. Fill in your return address, stamp and mail.
3. Call the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District (Fernan Office) at 208-664-2318.

COMMENTING ON THE DEIS

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the HFRA; therefore it is subject to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or organizations who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the Responsible Official are eligible to file an objection. Opportunity for public comment on a DEIS includes request for comments during scoping, the 40 CFR 1506.10 comment period, or other public involvement opportunities where written comment are requested by the responsible official (36 CFR 218.5(a)). This project was originally scoped under the provisions of 36 CFR 215. **For this project, individuals or organizations who submitted written comments in response to scoping conducted under 36 CFR 215 will be considered to have standing to object under 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Those individuals or organizations that did not provide written comments during scoping must provide specific written comments (as defined in 36 CFR 218.2) on the DEIS in order to have standing to object.** The opportunity to comment on the DEIS ends 45 days following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (36 CFR 218.25(a)(2)). Comments submitted by individuals or organizations must have evidence of timely submission, as defined by 36 CFR 218.25(a)(4), and meet the requirements outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). Comments can be submitted via the following methods:

E-mail to:

comments-northern-idpanhandle-coeur-dalene@fs.fed.us
(Subject: Comments - Beaver Creek). An automated response should confirm your electronic comment has been received. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software and be searchable, such as MS Word.

Fax to:

208-769-3062
ATTN: Responsible
Official for Beaver
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Mail or hand-deliver to:

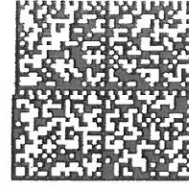
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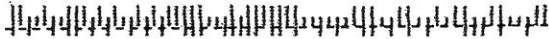


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