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Timber Mountain Vegetation Management Environmental Assessment Scoping Period

NEWPORT, WASH. - The Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts are inviting public comment on the proposed action for the Timber Mountain Vegetation Management Environmental Assessment (EA), which will propose to treat vegetation and conduct related management activities on approximately 13,000 acres of National Forest System lands northwest of Cusick, WA.

The purpose of this comment period is to offer the public an opportunity to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. A detailed description of the proposed treatments including proposed road relocations and closures, and associated maps are available on the project website at

http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47516

Public comments will be used to help refine the analysis and to inform the final decision on this project. The comment period is open until March 4, 2016. Public comments should provide specific facts and supporting reasons to aid the Responsible Official in reaching a decision.

Submit comments online at http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47516 or to Michelle Paduani, Newport-Sullivan Lake Districts Environmental Coordinator by mail, in person, or by phone. For more information on this project, or on how to get copies of the scoping letter or proposed action, please contact Michelle Paduani at 509-447-7361 or comments-pacificnorthwest-colville-newport@fs.fed.us.

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