

NOTICE OF OBJECTION FILING PERIOD
Name of Plan Revision: Idaho Panhandle National Forests
Revised Forest Plan
Responsible Official: Faye Krueger, Regional Forester,
Northern Region
Reviewing Officer: Associate Deputy Chief for the National
Forest System
Time Zone of reviewing officer: Eastern Time

The Forest Service, Northern Region, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the revised Land Management Plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. The publication date of this notice in this newspaper initiates a 60-day period in which individuals or organizations with specific concerns may file an objection for an independent Forest Service review.

The environmental analysis document, other supporting documentation, and a draft of the Record of Decision are available for review at Idaho Panhandle National Forests offices and online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Shanda Dekome, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815, 208-765-7238. An electronic scan of this notice with the publication date will also be posted to the website. The publication date of this public notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors must not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source (36 CFR 219.56(b)(3)). It is the responsibility of the objector to ensure that the reviewing officer receives the objection in a timely manner. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the objection filing period.

The objection process provides an opportunity for members of the public to have any unresolved concerns receive an independent review by the Forest Service prior to a final decision being made by the responsible official. Only those who provided substantive formal comments during opportunities for public comment are eligible to file an objection pursuant to regulations at 36 CFR 219 subpart B, which defines substantive formal comments as "Written comments submitted to, or oral comments recorded by, the responsible official or his designee during an opportunity for public participation provided during the planning process, and attributed to the individual or entity providing them. Comments are considered substantive when they are within the scope of the proposal, are specific to the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider."

Mailed, emailed, faxed, or hand-delivered objections concerning this action will be accepted for 60 calendar days following the publication of this notice. Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer at USDA Forest Service, Objection Reviewing Officer, EMC - RPC-6th Floor, Attn: Judicial and Administrative Reviews, 1601 N. Kent St, Arlington, VA 22209. The office business hours for those submitting a hand-delivered objection are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted to objection-chief@fs.fed.us. In electronic objections, the subject line must contain the name of the Plan being objected to. An automated response will confirm that your electronic objection has been received. Electronic objections must be submitted in MS Word or Rich Text Format (RTF). Faxed objections must be submitted to (703) 235-0138.

In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, a verification of identity will be requested confirming objection eligibility. If the objection is supported by documents, with the exceptions listed in 36 CFR 219.54(b), all documents must be provided with the objection; a bibliography is not sufficient.

The objection must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 219.54, and include the following information:

- 1) The objector's name and address, along with telephone number or email address, if available;
- 2) A signature, or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);
- 3) Identification of the lead objector, when multiple names are listed on an objection. The Forest Service will communicate to all parties to an objection through the lead objector. Verification of the lead objector upon request;
- 4) The name of the plan revision being objected to, and the name and title of the responsible official;
- 5) A statement of the issues and/or the parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies;
- 6) A concise statement explaining the objection and suggestion of how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If applicable, the objector should identify how the objector believes that the plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy; and
- 7) A statement that demonstrates the link between prior substantive formal comments submitted by the objector and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunity for formal comment.

All objections are open to public inspection and will be posted to the Forest Service web site.

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