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Idaho Roadless Rule Meetings Next Week in Central Idaho

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SALMON – (February 5, 2008) – Public meetings on the proposed rules for management of Idaho roadless areas are set for central Idaho February 11 through 14.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service announced the release of a draft rule outlining protections and management for inventoried roadless areas in Idaho. The draft is based on the state of Idaho’s petition submitted to the Forest Service in the fall of 2006, first tendered by then Governor James Risch and endorsed by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter.

Date	City	Location	Address	Time
February 11, 2007	Salmon	Brooklyn Annex	200 Fulton Salmon, ID 83467	7:00 PM
February 12, 2007	Challis	Custer County Courthouse	Main Street Challis, ID 83226	7:00 PM
February 13, 2007 LOCATION CHANGE	Hailey	Community Campus	1050 Fox Acres Road Hailey, ID 83333	7:00 PM
February 14, 2007	Mackay	Mackay City Hall	203 S. Main Street Mackay, ID 83251	7:00 PM

Each meeting will be opened by a local county commissioner and will include a presentation on the proposed rule by representatives of the Forest Service and the state of Idaho. Representatives of the Salmon-Challis National Forest will be at the Salmon, Challis and Mackay meetings. Representatives of the Sawtooth National Forest will be at the Hailey meeting. Public comment will follow a question and answer period.

A 90-day comment period on the proposed rule and the draft EIS will end on April 7, 2008. Comments may be sent via email to *IDcomments@fsroadless.org*. Comments also may be submitted via the world wide web/Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov*. Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Roadless Area Conservation-Idaho, P.O. Box 162909, Sacramento, CA 95816-2909, or via facsimile to 916-456-6724.

Information on the proposed rule and draft EIS is available at <http://roadless.fs.fed.us/idaho.shtml>.

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