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public PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Colville National Forest Plan Revision

The Colville National Forest, working with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution as a neutral third-party facilitator and convener (U.S. Institute, www.ecr.gov) is excited to offer a variety of opportunities for public participation throughout the remainder of the Colville forest plan revision process. Our goal is to provide access to reliable information about Forest Service proposals, and engage the public in a shared understanding of the diversity of perspectives that will ultimately improve Forest Service decisions.

While Native American tribes are invited to participate in public participation opportunities, as sovereign nations they will also have specific and separate consultation processes.

During the Draft EIS and Draft Plan Public Comment Period



Online Open House (open to all)

Our online open house will launch at the beginning of the public comment period. It will offer the breadth and depth of material found at a traditional in-person open house, with the added convenience of 24/7 information availability that is downloadable throughout the comment period. Participants may engage in an online discussion about specific issues and/or submit formal comments through this site. An interactive map and links to supporting GIS data will also be available for those wishing to dive into technical details.



Topical Webinars (open to all)

Online webinars midway through the comment period will focus on a specific topic (wilderness recommendations, for example), how it is addressed by Forest Service proposals, and how different forest users could be affected by the proposals. Topics will be selected, in part, based on the frequency of questions and comments received on a given forest plan revision topic.



Community of Interest Meetings

(by invitation of the U.S. Institute)

The U.S. Institute will convene and host meetings between “communities of interest” and the Forest Service early in the comment period. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for a group of people who share a common interest (livestock grazing, for example) to discuss how the Colville forest plan proposals may affect their particular use of the forest. While meeting attendees will be by invitation of the U.S. Institute, notes from each meeting will be publically available.



Listening Sessions (open to all)

The U.S. Institute will convene and host meetings in Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, and Spokane Counties (four meetings total) late in the comment period. The meetings will provide interested individuals an opportunity to briefly share their perspective on the proposals with the listening audience, including the Forest Service.

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Community Events (one-on-ones)

In an effort to “meet people where they are” and reach those who may not typically participate in Forest Service public meetings, the Forest Service may host information booths at popular community events during the public comment period.

Between the Public Comment Period and Issuance of the Final EIS and Final Plan



Topical Work Groups (by invitation of the U.S. Institute)

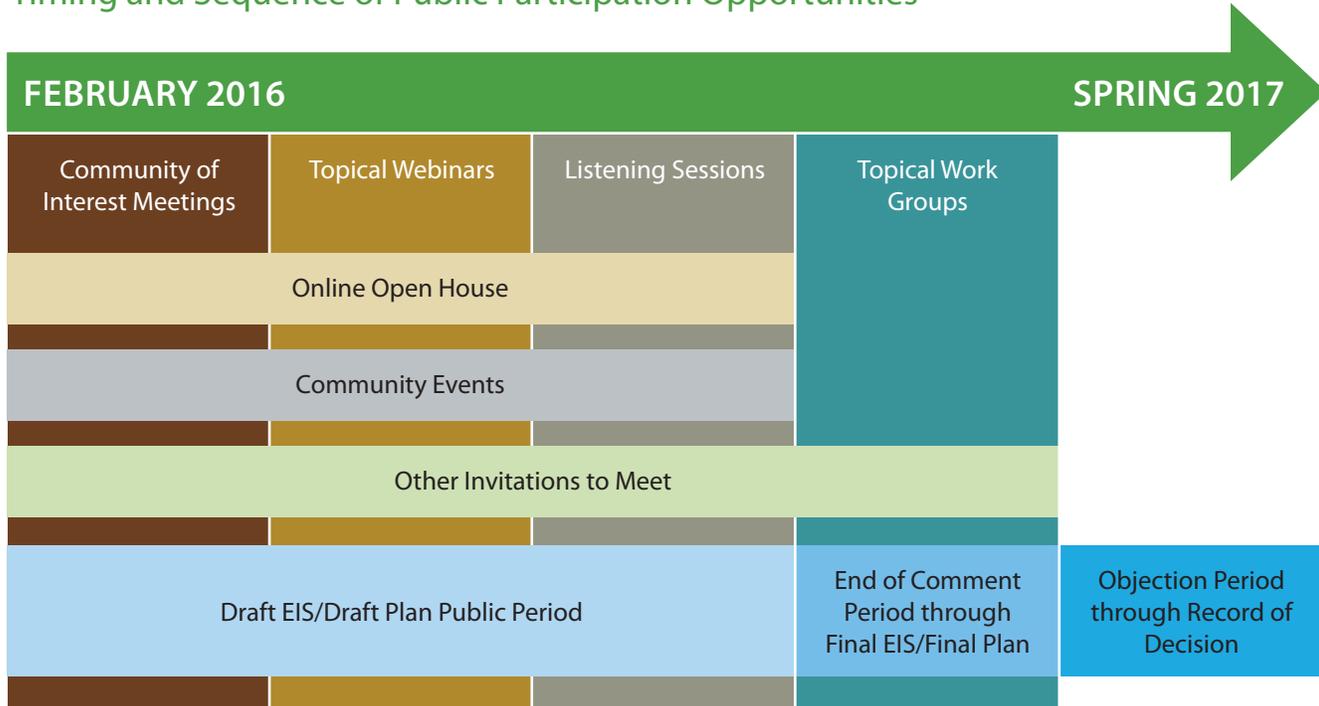
Depending on the nature of the comments received on the Draft EIS and Draft Plan, the U.S. Institute may convene groups of people representing diverse interests to focus on problem-solving for specific topics identified from public comment on the DEIS. While those at the table will be

Throughout the Forest Plan Revision Process

Other Invitations to Meet (Forest Service as invited guests)

The Colville Forest Supervisor, District Rangers, and/or Forest Plan Revision Interdisciplinary Team members will respond to invitations to participate in meetings of collaboratives, special interest groups, tribes, and cooperating/consulting agencies to discuss the process and proposals, and provide information on how to submit comments.

Timing and Sequence of Public Participation Opportunities



For more information, please visit the Colville Forest Plan Revision Website, or email the Forest Service at colvilleplanrevision@fs.fed.us