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To Butte Staff Ride Participants:

On June 28 – 30, 2016 the Salmon-Challis National Forest (SCNF) will conduct the first ever Butte Fire Staff Ride.

On the afternoon of August 29, 1985, 73 fire shelters were deployed on the Butte Fire. There were no fatalities and only minor injuries. It was one of the first major fire shelter deployments involving Forest Service wildfire operations.

This staff ride will create a learning environment. Participants will hear stand presenters who managed and conducted fire operations on the Butte Fire thirty years ago. A “pre-read” document describing the details of the Butte Fire will soon be available on a SCNF website (or will be sent electronically by e-mail.)

The staff ride will begin 1300 hours on June 28th, 2016 where stand presenters and participants will meet at the Sacajawea Center in Salmon, Idaho to be provided introductory materials about the Butte Fire.

On June 29th, 0630 hour’s participants will load up from the Sacajawea Center in Salmon and ride to the Butte Fire location where pre-identified stands will be set-up. Plan on a long day in the field and bring the necessary clothing, water, lunch and a hard hat for the day. We will meet back at the Sacajawea Center that evening for a BBQ. Plan on attending the BBQ.

At 0830 on June 30th, again in Salmon at the Sacajawea Center, participants and stand presenters will go through the integration phase of the staff ride. Anticipate approximately 3 hours for the integration phase.

All interested participants should contact Jim Tucker, Operations Staff Officer on the SCNF at 208-756-5134.

Sincerely,

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