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## **Moose Creek Warming Hut Dedication Ceremony**

Sandpoint, Idaho (September 28, 2016) – The Sandpoint Ranger District, in partnership with the National Forest Foundation, is inviting members of the public to attend the Moose Creek Warming Hut Dedication Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 8. Carpooling from the Trestle Creek Snowmobile Parking Area to the dedication ceremony is encouraged. Those interested in carpooling should plan on meeting at the snowmobile parking lot between 1:30-2:00 p.m. To get the snowmobile parking area, from Sandpoint, take Hwy 200 east 14 miles to Trestle Creek Road 275, turn left onto Forest Service Road 275, and drive 4 miles to the snowmobile parking lot, located on both sides of the road.

With our partners, we are celebrating the completion of this beautiful and well-constructed facility; designed and constructed with generous contributions from the National Forest Foundation, Idaho Forest Group, University of Idaho, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Winter Riders Snowmobile Club. The National Forest Foundation helped catalyze the partnership along with support from the Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation and the Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee.

The warming hut is located in the upper Lightning Creek drainage on Moose Creek Road. The hut is open for the public to use as a safe haven during a storm, a gathering place to meet friends, or a base camp for search and rescue if needed. “The warming hut is a testament to what can be achieved through partnerships. It is exciting that so many people and organizations contributed to making it a reality. The hut will be a resource to families recreating on their backyard national forest lands for years to come,” said Karen DiBari, National Forest Foundation Director.

The structure was built with Idaho wood products, and is a project of the National Forest Foundation’s *Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences* partnership with the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. Other work completed with this partnership includes new access to the Beetop-Roundtop Trail, native plant surveys, weed monitoring and treatments, culvert repair, and in-stream restoration of Lightning Creek.

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