



WILDERNESS PLANNING

Newsletter - February 2017

Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness & White Clouds Wilderness

Scoping Period

The public scoping period for the draft wilderness management plan (the proposed action) initiated November 21, 2016 and concluded January 31, 2017. Public meetings were held in Challis, Stanley, and Ketchum on December 5th and 6th.

Scoping Comments

During the 70+ day scoping period, 70 comment letters were received. As of this writing, the letters are being reviewed. The initial scan of the letters revealed these common themes:

- Recreation and Wilderness management,
- Commercial services (outfitter and

guides),

- Recreational stock uses/restrictions,
- Campfire restrictions,
- Group size limits (people and stock), and
- Livestock grazing.

Comments received from the public may be reviewed on the [FS Project Site](#).

Click on “Public Comment/Objection Reading Room” on the right-hand side of the page to view the comment letters. Letters are currently being uploaded, but should be completely uploaded by mid-February.

The ID Team and line officers will be reviewing comment letters throughout February and into March.

“Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall collaboratively develop wilderness management plans for the wilderness areas.”

- Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act (Public Law 114–46) Aug. 7, 2015



White Clouds Wilderness

Next Steps

Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds Plan

- Review of scoping period comments, revise Plan

Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Plan

- Public scoping— initiating mid-February
- Public meetings—late February

Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness

Internal Review

The line officers within the BLM and the FS reviewed the proposed Plan in January.

Scoping

The FS and BLM are preparing the proposed wilderness plan for the JMJP Wilderness for public scoping. The agencies anticipate initiating scoping in mid-February.

The BLM and USFS anticipate offering several public meetings during the scoping period:

- Mackay, Idaho: February 23rd, 5-7 p.m.
- Webinar: February 27rd, 2-4 p.m.
- Challis, Idaho: February 27th, 5-7 p.m.

- Ketchum, Idaho: March 2nd, 5-7 p.m.

More details regarding the scoping period, access to the proposed Plan, and the public meetings will be forthcoming in the outreach notices.

The 30-day scoping period will conclude in mid-March.

Following the scoping period, the FS and BLM will revise the Wilderness Management Plan based on scoping input and will develop an environmental assessment.

For more information on the JMJP Wilderness, please visit the [BLM's website](#).

Planning Project Websites

Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds

[StoryMap Site](#)

[USFS Site](#)

[BLM Site](#)

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[BLM Site](#)

"In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition..."

- The Wilderness Act



Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness