

*******Details Announced*******

for

Listening sessions regarding the Northwest Forest Plan

March 17, March 18, March 25, 2015

Please join the U.S. Forest Service as we kick off a public conversation on the process for revising forest land management plans in the Northwest Forest Plan amendment area. The land management plans within this area guide how national forest resources will be managed for 15 to 20 years, and are due for revision.

To gather ideas on the revision process, share information, and outline our current thinking about a plan revision strategy, the Forest Service is holding a series of public listening sessions from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Portland, OR:

- Tuesday, March 17
- Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, St. Helens Ballroom
- 8235 Northeast Airport Way, Portland, OR, 97220
- Parking: Parking is free
- Driving Directions: <http://www.sheratonportlandairport.com/drivingdirections>

Seattle, WA:

- Wednesday, March 18
- The Conference Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, International Ballroom Auditorium
- 17801 International Blvd. (Pacific Hwy S), Seattle, WA 98158
- Parking: Parking is free but must be validated inside the conference center
- Driving Directions: <http://www.portseattle.org/Business/Conference-Facilities/The-Conference-Center-at-Sea-Tac/Pages/Directions.aspx>

Redding, CA:

- Wednesday, March 25
- Red Lion Hotel, Sierra/Trinity Rooms
- 1830 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA, 96002
- Parking: Parking is free
- Driving Directions: <http://www.redlion.com/redding/map-direction>

The goals of the listening sessions are:

- Sharing information about plan revision, the 2012 planning rule, and the role of science
- Outlining our current thinking about the plan revision strategy
- Gathering ideas from stakeholders on the revision process

The listening sessions are open to the public, and we encourage you to share this information with others potentially interested in attending.

The Northwest Forest Plan was created in 1994 with the intent of protecting the critical habitat of the northern spotted owl while maintaining a viable forest products industry in the Pacific Northwest. The Plan amended 26 land use plans, spanning 24 million acres of Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service-managed lands in Northern California, Western Washington, and Oregon. In California, the Plan amended land and resource management plans for the Klamath, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta-Trinity, and Six Rivers National Forests.

For more information about this process, log-on to the Forest Service Regional web pages:

Region 6 U.S. Forest Service (Oregon and Washington) <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r6/>

Region 5 U.S. Forest Service (California) <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r5/>