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Flathead Forest Friday Focus: Forest Plan Revision

KALISPELL, MONTANA – April 22, 2015 - The Flathead National Forest has released for public comment the proposed action for the revision of the land and resource management plan (forest plan) as directed by the National Forest Management Act. The public is invited to learn about and discuss the forest plan revision process during the next Flathead Forest Friday on May 1, 2015 at the Nite Owl Cafe' located at 522 9th St. West (US Hwy. 2) in Columbia Falls, Montana. The no-host breakfast chat starts at 7:00 AM.

The proposed action for the revised forest plan includes management direction to support a variety of proposed and possible actions that may occur on the plan area over the next ~15 years, or life of the plan. Concurrently, the forest is releasing an amendment to integrate the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem (NCDE) Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy ("strategy") into the forest plans for the Helena, Kootenai, Lewis and Clark, and Lolo National Forests. The Flathead National Forest is incorporating the relevant portions of the strategy as part of its plan revision process.

Every other month, the Forest Service will coordinate these no-host breakfast meetings at a local restaurant with the goal of sharing good food, great company, and a little information about what's happening on our National Forest. We hope the event will be a great way to discuss public land management opportunities and challenges that are important to us all.

If you plan to attend or have questions, please notify Public Affairs Officer Colter Pence at cfpence@fs.fed.us or (406) 758-5252. Your response allows us to plan accordingly with the restaurant.

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