

# **CHAPTER 4**

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### **4.1 Introduction**

This chapter includes; a list of primary preparers of the document; a summary of the scoping and public involvement efforts; and a list of agencies, organizations, and persons solicited for input.

### **4.2 List of Primary Preparers**

Name, Area of Expertise, Years of Experience	Resource Area	Professional Education
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### **4.3 Summary of Scoping, Public Involvement, and Comments**

Public involvement has been extensive throughout the planning and analysis process leading to this document. The NFMA planning for this project was initiated in the fall/winter of 2006 with the *Roads Analysis Report for the Spruce Creek Project*. On November 28, 2006, the conceptual idea of this project was discussed by representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA Fisheries at a scheduled Level 1 Meeting. In addition, scoping letters addressed specifically to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries representatives were mailed on December 11, 2006 soliciting comments on the Proposed Action. A draft proposal of the project was presented to tribal representatives at the November 9, 2006 Wings and Roots Meeting, and Valley County Commissioners were briefed on the draft Proposed Action on December 11, 2006. Individual scoping packages were also forwarded to representatives of the Shoshone-Paiute, Shoshone-Bannock, and Nez Perce Tribes, as well as the Valley County Commissioners in December of 2006.

## **Spruce Creek Draft EIS**

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In addition to a legal notice in *The Idaho Statesman* (December 15, 2006) and a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the *Federal Register* (December 15, 2006), a scoping package describing the Proposed Action was mailed to 33 individuals, agencies, and/or groups on December 11, 2006. In response to these scoping efforts written comments were received from six interested parties. Commenters voiced a variety of concerns including potential adverse impacts on water quality and fish habitat, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and public access. The planning record contains all written comments received relative to this project and discloses how the Interdisciplinary Team addressed those concerns.

This EIS does not document a decision. The purpose of this document is to disclose the effects and consequences of alternative strategies being considered in detail and solicit public input. Using comments received on this Draft EIS, a Final EIS will be developed. Based upon information disclosed in that Final EIS, its associated planning record, and public feedback, the Forest Supervisor will make a decision. That decision will be documented in a Record of Decision (ROD).

### **4.4 List of Those Receiving Copies of the Draft EIS**

#### ***State, County, and Local Agencies and Officials***

ID Department of Fish and Game, Nampa  
ID Department of Parks and Recreation, Boise  
ID Department of Environmental Quality, Boise  
ID Department of Environmental Quality, McCall  
Southern Idaho Timber Protection Association  
Valley County Commissioners

#### ***Federal Agencies and Officials***

National Agricultural Library  
Intermountain Regional Office  
Boise National Forest, Supervisor's Office  
Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District  
EPA, Office of Federal Activities  
EPA, Region 10 EIS Review Coordinator  
EPA, Boise Office  
Director, Office of Envir. Policy and Compliance  
USFWS, Boise, Idaho  
NOAA, Boise, Idaho

#### ***Businesses and Organizations***

Idaho Conservation League  
WildWest Institute  
Idaho Sporting Congress  
Colorado State University Libraries

#### ***Individuals***

Irene Victory  
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