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Public Meeting to Discuss Milwaukee Railroad Grade June 2

Superior, MT. – The Superior Ranger District will host a public meeting June 2 at the St. Regis School to share information and begin a collaborative discussion of future management of the abandoned Milwaukee Railroad grade between St. Regis and Taft. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and is scheduled to run until 8 p.m.

The Lolo National Forest now owns nearly 30 miles of the abandoned Milwaukee Railroad grade between St. Regis and Taft and the public meeting will provide the public the first opportunity to work with the Forest Service on proposals for managing the land. The primary focus of this initial meeting will be to share information on the land, its condition, and the condition of the structures – such as old railroad trestles. Future management of the old railroad grade, according to district officials, will seek to balance public interest in the recreational and historic value of the land.

“We’d like to start this process by establishing a common understanding of what’s out there on the land, and the conditions of the structures,” said Superior District Ranger Sharon Sweeney. Sweeney noted that positive collaboration will be the first step in developing a management plan for the 30 mile stretch of the old railroad.

The old Milwaukee Railroad grade extends along the Interstate-90 corridor, and includes the current old railroad grade west of Missoula known as the “Hiawatha Trail.”

For more information, please contact Beth Kennedy on the Superior Ranger District at (406) 822-3954.

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