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**RELEASE OF ANALYSIS OF THE MANAGEMENT SITUATION  
EXTENDS SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD**

**Coeur d'Alene, ID:** The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle National Forests (KIPZ) have released the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS) in support of our Forest Plan Revision process. This document confirms the need to revise our Forest Plans and the significant issues that have been identified are categorized into seven major revision topics: 1) vegetation, 2) fire risk, 3) timber production, 4) wildlife, 5) watersheds and aquatic species, 6) inventoried roadless areas and proposed wilderness areas, and 7) access and recreation. Release of the AMS includes extending the Forest Plan Revision scoping comment period to May 30, 2003.

“The scoping period has been extended to provide additional time for the public to review the AMS,” said Idaho Panhandle Forest Supervisor Ranotta McNair. “The AMS is a tool to provide more information to the public about the revision topics and related issues. The AMS may also help in identifying issues that we may have missed.”

The AMS is available on the KIPZ website, [www.fs.fed.us/kipz](http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz), at all local libraries and your local Forest Service office. In order to provide information in a timely and efficient manner; and to cut the expensive costs of printing and mailing, KIPZ will be utilizing their website to the most extent possible to share planning documents.

A second round of public meetings is forthcoming this spring, which will give the public an opportunity to become more involved in Forest Plan Revision. When the dates and times of the meetings are finalized, this information will be updated on our website, in our next KIPZ News, and in your local media.

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