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Dear Communication Site Lease Holder:

The Bend Fort Rock Ranger District has drafted new communication site plans for each of the communication sites on the district. This letter serves as the notification of a 30 day period for lease holders to comment on the draft plans.

Communication site plans are referenced in each communication site lease. They provide direction for day-to-day operation of the communication site and, along with the communication site lease, is the document by which compliance is measured. The plans delineate the types of uses that are appropriate at the site and the technical and administrative requirements for management of the site. More information on this can be found in the Forest Service Special Uses Handbook at http://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/special_comm.shtml.

The Bend Fort Rock Ranger District plans can be viewed on the Forest Service's Central Oregon web page. The direct link to the site plans is http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/communication_sites/index.shtml.

Some highlights that may be of particular interest include:

- The Pine Martin and Mt Bachelor Communications Sites have been grouped in one site plan.
- Antelope Communication Site and the Pine Mt Observatory Communication Site now have separate site plans.
- Three sites, Pine Mt Observatory, Spring River and Sugar Pine will allow broadcast use under 1000 watt (ERP) given that senior uses are protected.

The Awbrey Butte communication site plan is still being drafted and is not part of this 30 day comment period.

Comments should be sent in writing to Mary Ellen Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@fs.fed.us or by mail at:
Special Uses
Bend Fort Rock Ranger District
1230 NE 3rd, Suite A262
Bend, OR 97701

The 30 day comment period closes on June 4, 2011. At that time I will consider comments, make any appropriate changes and then sign off on the site plans. A copy of the final site plan for the communication site that your facility is located will be mailed to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ A. Shane Jeffries
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District Ranger

