

**Reviewer's Guide**  
**Idaho Panhandle National Forests**  
**Draft Land Management Plan and**  
**Draft Environmental Impact**  
**Statement**

Thank you for your interest in revising the Idaho Panhandle National Forest's Land Management Plans.

We invite you to participate in reviewing the Draft Plan and DEIS and provide your comments during this important phase of the plan revision process. A 90 day public comment period starts on January 6, 2012 (with publication of the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*). **Comments must be received no later than May 7, 2012.**

**What you will need to review the Draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

The following is a list of materials that will help you review and comment on the Draft Forest Plan and DEIS:

- This Reviewer's guide
- Draft Land Management Plan
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement Appendices
- Alternative Maps

The draft documents are available for download and review online at [www.fs.fed.us/kipz](http://www.fs.fed.us/kipz). These documents are also available for viewing at local libraries and at all Ranger District and the Supervisor's Office. Compact discs or hard copies of any of these documents may be requested by phone (208) 765-7417 or email ([r1\\_kipz\\_revision@fs.fed.us](mailto:r1_kipz_revision@fs.fed.us)).



## Review Tips:

- Start by looking at the summary of the DEIS in the front of that document.
- Look over parts of the DEIS. Chapter 1 describes why we are updating management direction, Chapter 2 describes the alternatives, and Chapter 3 describes environmental consequences of implementing each of the alternatives. A good way to become familiar with the alternatives is to compare how they vary in terms of land allocations (management area descriptions and maps).
- The Draft Land Management Plan describes management direction for the preferred alternative in detail.
- The DEIS Appendices contain further detail on analysis that was conducted in developing the DEIS. It includes additional detail on specific topics, including Wilderness Evaluation and Wild and Scenic Rivers.
- Specific comments on how to improve the preferred alternative, what you prefer in other alternatives, or important things that you think were missed in alternatives are very helpful.
- We can better respond to your comments if you are as specific as possible and if you cite the location(s) that you are commenting on.
- If you reference document(s) in your comments, please attach a complete copy of the document(s). If complete copies are not available, please provide the cover page and applicable pages from the document.

## Tips on Effective Commenting

Now is your chance to comment on the Draft Plan and DEIS.

First, there are a few important points you need to know about how the Forest Service responds to comments and how we can both get the most out of your review of these documents. If you are going to take time to comment, you want it to count.

Substantive comments provide factual information, professional opinion, or informed judgment that is relevant to the action being proposed. Substantive comments are specific, comparative, or solution-oriented. A substantive comment provides the reasons why and goes beyond just expressing an opinion. Comments such as *“The proposed action looks good”* (example of a non-specific comment) is not substantive. We want to know why the proposed action looks good, *“The proposed action looks good because it...”*

This is not a voting process. Comments are considered on basis of content not quantity. While all comments on the Draft Plan will be considered, we find substantive comments related to the proposed actions the most useful.



## Where to Submit your Comments

Please submit comments using one of the methods below (listed in order of preference for ease of processing and cost to the taxpayer in the content analysis process):

- **Email:** [IPNFplanrevision@fs.fed.us](mailto:IPNFplanrevision@fs.fed.us) using one of the following formats – directly in the body of the email, word document-preferred format (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html). The sender should receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. Only the first email from each sender will receive an email confirmation. If the sender does not receive this confirmation on the first email, it is the sender’s responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.
- **Postal mail** (written comments):
  - Idaho Panhandle National Forests
  - Forest Plan Revision
  - 3815 Schreiber Way
  - Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815
- **Fax:** 208-765-7307

Comments received, including names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record, and will be available for public inspection.

Once the comment period is over, we will review and analyze the comments and then prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Forest Plan. We expect to have these documents completed in the fall of 2012.



