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## Colville National Forest

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### *Power Lake Project Available for Review and Public Comment*

**Colville, WA** - Colville National Forest officials announced today that the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Power Lake Vegetation Management project is now available for public review and comment.

The Colville National Forest is conducting this environmental assessment to analyze options for actions that include treatments to improve forest health and riparian and wildlife habitat on National Forest System lands. Proposed treatments would include fish habitat improvement through decommissioning approximately four miles of road, replacing or removing ten culverts, and commercial timber harvest and thinning on up to 8,000 acres to improve forest health and reduce fire danger while improving wildlife habitat. In order to complete these treatments, temporary and new system road will be constructed and approximately two miles of County Road 2022 (Middle Fork Calispell Creek Road) will be relocated onto County Road 2030 (Bartlett Road) and Forest Road 3500050 to improve fish habitat and water quality. Approximately 21 miles of currently closed roads in the project area are proposed to be decommissioned to protect resource values.

The project area is located within the Colville National Forest boundary on the Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District, approximately 15 miles northwest of Newport, Washington, in the Calispell Creek drainage.

The environmental assessment is available on the Colville National Forest website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/colville/landmanagement/projects>. Copies are also available on compact disc or paper format at the Newport and Sullivan Lake Ranger District offices. Comments may be submitted by facsimile, hand-delivered or via email (electronic) concerning this project. All comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of the legal notice in the newspaper of record, the Colville Statesman-Examiner. The legal notice is expected to appear in the March 21, 2012 edition.

If you have any questions regarding this project or how to comment on the project, please contact the Power Lake project team leader, Amy Dillon, or District Ranger Gayne Sears, at the Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District, 315 North Warren, Newport, WA 99156, phone (509) 447-7300; fax (509) 447-7301.

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