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Dear Planning Participant:

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will be considering a number of **proposed** projects and conducting environmental analyses in the near future. A separate decision will be made on each project.

The District Rangers have made preliminary assessments that these projects fall within categories of actions listed in 36 CFR 220.6, thereby excluding them from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Brief project descriptions are incorporated in Part A or Part B of this letter based on the comment requirements.

To submit a comment on any of these proposals, please follow the instructions provided in the "How to Provide Comments" section of each category.

Thank you for your continued participation in projects involving the Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests.

Sincerely,

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PART A PROJECTS

Introduction

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests would be considering the following three proposed projects (hereinafter referred to simultaneously as "proposed, proposal, project, and/or project") and conducting environmental analyses in the near future. Please review the following proposals and submit your comments as described below so they can be included in our analyses.

How to Provide Comments

We are interested in your comments about these proposals and invite you to send site-specific written comments to us for the following:

- **Elk River Road Easements**
- **Partridge Creek Campground Upgrade**
- **Road 112 Gate Relocation**

To assure your written comments are fully considered during the analyses of these projects, please submit your comments by **September 20, 2013**. Comments submitted after this date would be accepted but our ability to respond effectively could be reduced. **Please note that all comments received would be included in the public record; therefore, names, phone numbers, addresses, and electronic mail addresses of participants cannot be kept confidential (7 CFR 1 (B)1-27(c)).**

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding these projects, please contact Linda S. Helm, Small NEPA Coordinator, Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Kamiah, Idaho or call (208) 935-4285. Oral comments must be provided to her during normal business hours *via t*elephone or in person. Written comments should either be mailed or hand-delivered (between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays) to her c/o Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Supervisor's office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho 83530; submitted *via* facsimile transmittal to her at (208) 935-4275, where they would be forwarded to the Kamiah office *via* electronic mail. Electronic mail comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-northern-nezperce@fs.fed.us.

If you choose to comment on the proposals, please include the following: (1) your name, address, and (if possible) your telephone number, and organization represented (if any); (2) title of the project on which you are submitting comments; (3) specific facts and relevant rationale concerning this project that you feel should be considered.

Project Proposals

Palouse Ranger District

Elk River Road Easements
Legal Description: T40N, R2E, Sections 22-23 and 27 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6(d)(7) *Sale or exchange of land or interest in land and resources where resulting land uses remain essentially the same.*
Narrative Summary: The Palouse District Ranger proposes to grant the State of Idaho permanent access to its lands across the National Forest System lands on existing roads for the protection and management of its lands.

Background: The State of Idaho, Department of Lands, ("Cooperator" or "State") and the United States of America, by and through the Regional Foresters, Northern Region and Intermountain Region, USDA Forest Service, ("Government") entered into a Road Right-of-Way Construction and Use Agreement and Cooperative Road Maintenance Agreement on January 13, 2003, hereinafter referred to as the "State of Idaho/Forest Service Cost Share Agreement" or "Agreement" providing for the joint construction and use of roads within the State of Idaho and within and adjacent to the National Forests.

This project is located within the State of Idaho Agreement Area which includes the entire State of Idaho.

Idaho Department of Lands has been using National Forest System Road (hereinafter referred to as "NFS") 382 and Road 4703 for land management activities, including commercial timber haul (pursuant to 7700 Road Use Permits) since the 1980's. The current permit expired in 2012.

Details of Easements: The Forest Service will grant easements to the State of Idaho, Department of Lands, across National Forest Service lands for the following existing roads:

> State Road 4724: T40N, R2E, Section 27, NW¼ NE ¼, NE¼ NE¼ (Boise Meridian). No road restrictions; open year round to all traffic; provides access to State lands from SH8 (approximately 264 feet/ 0.05 miles in length).
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> Segment of Elk Creek Road 382: T40N, R2E, Section 23, SE¼ SW¼ and SE¼ NW¼ (Boise Meridian). Segment starts at junction with Road 1705 (a public road) and ending at its junction with Road 4703 (approximately 528 feet/ 0.10 miles in length).
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> West Fork Lindley Creek Road 4703: T40N, R2E, Section 23, NE¼ SW¼; SW¼ NW¼ and NW¼ NW¼ (Boise Meridian). No restrictions; open year round to all traffic (approximately 770 feet/ 0.15 miles in length).

Road 4703A: T40N, R2E, Section 23, NE¼ SW¼ (Boise Meridian). An unnamed spur road accessing the borrow pit on State lands, heavily used by the public (approximately 317 feet/ 0.06 miles in length).

The Forest Service, will receive easements from the State of Idaho, Department of Lands, for roads across State lands, as follows:

State Road 4724: T40N, R2E, Section 22, SE¼ SE¼ and SW¼ SE¼ (Boise Meridian). Note: temporary access was acquired from the State of Idaho for the Forest Robo Elk Stew TS (length to be determined by District).

West Fork Lindley Creek Road 4703: (T40N, R2E, Section 23, NE¼ SW¼ (Boise Meridian). No restrictions; open year round to all traffic (length to be determined by District).

Road maintenance activities such as roadside brush removal, ditch cleaning and road grading would be within existing road templates. Typical road use equipment such as a road grader, rubber tire backhoe, and mechanical brusher may be used to maintain roads. Roads were constructed for timber haul; log trucks and support vehicles will use the roads, and there would be other vehicle use for post-harvest activities, such as burning and planting.

There are no road restrictions on any of the project roads and this will remain the same.

The easements would be managed under the State of Idaho/USDA Forest Service Cooperative Road Maintenance Agreement (2003) and under the terms and conditions of the easements granted. The State will continue to pay or perform road maintenance commensurate with their use as they would under a Road Use Permit. By granting road easements, the Forest Service will not have to process road use permits.

Work to complete a Fact Sheet and Supplement for this project would begin as soon as the project is approved.

Project Information: If you have questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Roberta Morin at (208) 476-8354.

Partridge Creek Campground Upgrade
Legal Description: T40N, R2E, Section 30 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 220.6(d)(5) *Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities.*
Narrative Summary: The Palouse District Ranger proposes to upgrade facilities at the Partridge Creek Campground for the comfort of visitors and to better delineate camp locations. Additionally, it is necessary to provide additional facilities at this developed recreation site in order to charge a nightly feel under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA).

Background: The Elk River Basin of the Palouse Ranger District is a primary recreation destination for camping (developed and dispersed), hunting and off-highway vehicle use. The Forest Service operates one developed fee campground in the Basin (Elk Creek Campground) approximately one to two miles west of Partridge Creek Campground, which is very heavily used between the months of May and October.

Partridge Creek Campground (formerly known as and shown on maps as Rinky Dink Campground), is a non-fee developed campground located approximately four miles from the town of Elk River on NFS Road 1705. Site amenities include site posts identifying camping locations, an information board, and a single-vault toilet. There are currently between 12-16 sites that are being utilized within this recreation site. The site is heavily used between May and October for similar recreation activities as listed above.

Design Plans/Specifications: To address the items and information listed above, the project would consist of the following:

- Installation of barriers (treated lumber, fencing (jack-leg, for instance), and/or boulders to better delineate camp locations/sites. This will not change/alter the ability for users to access the site, just provide clear direction for visitors as to where they are allowed to camp, therefore enhancing the user experience and protecting area resources.
- Installation of agency approved fire rings. This would replace existing native material fire rings, therefore providing a safer environment for users who have campfires. Fire ring installation would require digging to a depth of approximately 6" to properly anchor the equipment.
- Installation of Agency approved picnic tables, providing an enhanced visitor experience. Picnic table installation would require digging to a depth of approximately 12" to properly anchor the equipment.
- Installation of fee tube at campground entrance.
- Installation of fee tube and sign board at entrance to group campsite.
- Removal of vegetation as necessary to ensure proper placement of recreation site facilities and to provide a safe camping experience through identification and removal of hazard trees.
- Grading and/or gravel accessing road to the campground (approximately .2 mile) as well as interior roadways (approximately .1 mile) and campsite parking spurs.

It is anticipated that implementation of this project would begin in the fall of 2013, with completion in September 2014.

Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Adam McClory at (208) 875-1734.

Powell Ranger District

Road 112 Gate Relocation
Legal Description: Current Location: T38N, R16E, Section 20 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Location: T38N, R15E, Section 36 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(d)(4) *Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries.*
Narrative Summary: The Powell District Ranger is proposing a road gate relocation to provide public access to an outfitter camp and trailhead located behind the gate on NFS Road 112. The proposed action is to move the gate approximately 1 ½ to 2 miles from its current location to just past the trailhead to allow for public access.

Background: Currently, a Forest Service gate restricts access to Road 112 at its juncture with Road 373. The road is closed year-round for soil/water and wildlife purposes as stated in the Travel Plan. An outfitter camp and trailhead for Rudd-Moore Lakes Trail 940 is located behind the gate along Road 112. The gate closure is precluding public access to the outfitter camp and to the trailhead.

Design Plans/Specifications: None. The gate will simply be moved to allow public access to the outfitter camp and trailhead.

Project Information: If you have questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Katie Knotek at (208) 942-0302.

Part B Projects

Introduction

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests would be considering the following project proposals and conducting environmental analyses in the near future.

How to Provide Comments

Please review the following proposals and submit your site-specific comments as described below so they can be included in our analyses for the following projects:

- **Lyons' Waterline Permit Renewal**
- **Starnes' Waterline Permit Renewal**
- **Clearwater County Sheriff's Department Special Use Permit Renewal**
- **Jule Mine Exploration Drilling Program**
- **Rock Bizarre Mineral Materials**
- **Idaho Department of Fish & Game Cabin Expansion at Mackay Bar**

For these six projects, written, facsimile transmitted, hand-delivered and oral comments would be accepted for **30 calendar days following publication of a legal notice in the *Lewiston Tribune*.** The publication date in the newspaper of record is the

exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. One should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding these projects, please contact Linda S. Helm, Small NEPA Coordinator, Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Kamiah, Idaho or call (208) 935-4285. Oral comments must be provided to her during normal business hours *via t*elephone or in person. Written comments should either be mailed or hand-delivered (between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST), Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays) to her c/o Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Supervisor's office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho 83530; submitted *via* facsimile transmittal to her at (208) 935-4275, where they would be forwarded to the Kamiah office *via* electronic mail. Electronic mail comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-northern-nezperce@fs.fed.us.

If you choose to comment on the proposals, please include the following: (1) your name, address, and (if possible) your telephone number, and organization represented (if any); (2) title of the project on which you are submitting comments; (3) specific facts and relevant rationale concerning this project that you feel should be considered. For appeal eligibility, each individual must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Additional information regarding how to comment can be found at 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, telephone numbers, addresses, and electronic mail addresses of those who comment, would be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and would be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously would be accepted and considered; **however, those who submit anonymous comments may not have standing to appeal** the subsequent decision pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the Agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentially should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and the available options at that time (see 7 CFR 1.27 for further information).

Project Proposals

Lochsa Ranger District

Lyons' Waterline Permit Renewal
Legal Description: T33N, R6E, Section 32, SE ¼ SW ¼ SW1/4 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(3) *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest Service lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land.*

Narrative Summary: The Lochsa District Ranger proposes to renew the Lyons' waterline permit which has been in existence at this location since 1982.

Background: The Lyons' waterline renewal request is to continue use of their existing waterline for domestic water supply. The water source for this line is NOT in a running "creek" or "stream" but appears to be a collection point in a swale on Forest Service lands, just off the northwest corner of the Lyon's private property.

The Lyons' have had a permit for water use from this location since 1982. The permit covers approximately .02 acres and is described as a strip of land 300 feet in length and two feet wide, connecting their property to a 10' x 10' parcel of land where they have a covered, subsurface, 30 gallon collection "tank" (upright section of culvert).

The waterline associated with this permit is buried in the ground and runs from the culvert on Forest Service lands to another catchment tank on private property where additional runoff valves are located so overflow in the waterlines can be diverted to a catchment pond on private land that eventually feeds back into a small open stream that crosses under the Smith Creek Road and back to Forest Service lands.

The Lyons have a licensed water right (81-07112) for the above identified location that has been in place since 1983 (per electronic mails in the permit file from Steve Spencer (Boise Adjudication Team).

This permit renewal would authorize use of existing facilities and would be valid for a 10 year period from the date of issuance.

There would be no ground disturbance for the proposed permit renewal. The Lyon's waterline is buried with surface access to the tanks and valves. There are no proposed changes to the existing waterline or spring box.

There are no changes to site access and no other agencies need to be contacted.

Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Teresa Trulock at (208) 935-4256.

Starnes' Waterline Permit Renewal and Consolidation
Legal Description: T33N, R6E, Section 32, NW ¼ SE ¼ (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(3) *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest Service lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land.*

Narrative Summary: The Lochsa District Ranger proposes to renew Starnes' waterline permit which has been in existence since 1987, and allow her to consolidate it with a second, existing waterline permit for an adjacent piece of property she recently purchased.

Background: Starnes has held a special use permit (LOC 61) for a waterline that extends onto Forest Service lands on Little Smith Creek for irrigation purposes on her property since 1987. Her last permit expired on December 31, 2013.

The waterline runs along the ground surface for approximately 1,600 feet to provide sufficient water pressure for irrigation and water resource for fire protection. The line is closed and does not feed into a collection system, so only the water used for irrigation is pulled from the creek. There is no overflow runoff from this use. Starnes has a registered water right for .02cfs, with an annual volume of 1.5AF between March 15th and November 15th, of each year (81-7098).

In January 2013, Starnes notified the Forest Service that she had purchased her neighbor's (Waples) property, which lies immediately east of her property, on the opposite side of Little Smith Creek Road. Waples also had a valid permit for a water distribution line from Little Smith Creek (Permit LOC86). This permit was valid and paid through December 31, 2013. During escrow, Waples signed the necessary revocation form for the permit, naming Starnes as the new owner of the property.

As the new owner, Starnes is requesting approval to maintain the existing water distribution line for use at that property, for irrigation and fire protection. There was a water right issued to the original owner of this property (81-7070). Apparently, Waples did not pursue the transfer of this right; however, Starnes is interested in doing so. The water rights granted for this property were also for .02cfs, with an annual volume of 1.2AF between April 1st and October 31st, of each year.

Both waterlines are similar in length, feed from the same source, and lie adjacent to one another. Approval to renew a single permit for both waterlines is being requested in an effort to simplify and consolidate permits and billing.

Description: No ground disturbance would be needed for either waterline. The Starnes' (formerly Waples') waterlines are both above-ground pipes that lie along the creek bank for approximately 1,600 feet (.07 acres) before they reach private property. There is no proposed change to the existing waterline layout and no proposed soil disturbance. Because the lines already exist, there is no need to disturb any soil.

Both waterlines are accessed for maintenance by a foot trail up the creek. The trail is not developed and looks like a game trail. (Intake hoses are pulled out of the creek when the use season is over to prevent the lines from freezing, since they are above ground.)

No changes (other than consolidation of the two permits) are being requested to the waterline permits. After consolidation, the permit would be valid for another 10 year term from the date of issuance.

Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Teresa Trulock at (208) 935-4256.

North Fork Ranger District

Clearwater County Sheriff's Department Special Use Permit Renewal

Legal Description: T39N, R10E, Section 18, SWSW (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(3) *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest Service lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land.*
Narrative Summary: The North Fork District Ranger proposes to renew Special Use Permit NFK108 of the Clearwater County Sheriff's Department.

Background: The existing permit, which expired on December 31, 2012, authorized the agency to occupy a government-owned trailer on the Kelly Work Center compound. Due to the backlog of work, the permit is now being processed for renewal. This permit allows Clearwater County Sheriff personnel a place to work from, to facilitate law enforcement patrols on the North Fork District.

Description: The trailer is on the Kelly Work Center Compound and is connected to the work center water and septic systems. The trailer sits on the far, east side of the compound, above the ground on its frame, under a frame support roof to protect the trailer from the snow load. The trailer and shed were moved to this site prior to granting the previous permit.

The trailer is used by the sheriff's department intermittently from approximately early May through October each year.

No changes are proposed to the placement or use of the existing trailer or roof structure. No ground disturbance, no change to access, and no physical implementation are required for this permit renewal. This renewal will simply allow continued use of a government building by members of the Clearwater County Sheriff's department for local field patrol purposes.

The permit would be valid for a five-year term from the date of reissuance.

Project Information: If you have questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Kearstin Edwards at (208) 476-8344 or (832) 380-6556.

Jule Mine Exploration Drilling Program
Legal Description: T37N, R6E, Sections 26-27 & 33-35 (Boise Meridian) and T36N, R6E, Sections 2-4 and 9-10 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(8) *Short-term (1 year or less) mineral, energy, or geophysical investigations and their incidental support activities that may require cross-country travel by vehicles and equipment, construction of less than 1 mile of low standard road, or use and minor repair of existing roads.*
Narrative Summary: The North Fork District Ranger proposes to allow the claim operator to perform exploratory drilling in the French Mountain area of the North Fork Ranger District.

A standard set of mitigation measures has been developed for exploration proposals of this type and would be implemented for this project as well as any additional mitigation, as appropriate. Idaho Best Management Practices (hereinafter referred to as "BMPs") for mining would be adhered to. A field review, which includes the operator, would be necessary before the project is initiated to identify specific sites, related issues, and possible site-specific mitigation measures.

A reclamation bond appropriate to the operation would be calculated by the Forest Service. A bond sufficient to cover all necessary reclamation would be submitted by the operator before the Plan of Operation is approved and before work may begin.

The proposal is for eight drill sites. Each of these drill sites is anticipated to be approximately 750 square feet in size. A maximum of two holes may be drilled at each site. These holes are estimated to be three to six inches in diameter and would be approximately 600' deep. Drilling depths may be adjusted as targets become more defined. Drill cuttings would be disposed of in an 8' x 8' x 7' sump which would be sealed upon completion of drilling.

The claimant also wishes to divert water from seasonal streams for drilling. Stream drawdown would not exceed 40% volume from the stream channel as dictated by the Forest Service's Inland Fish Strategy. A stream buffer would be in place at 300 feet for flowing streams and 150 feet for intermittent streams.

The claim operator will obtain a temporary water right from the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and the water withdrawal site would be reviewed by Forest Service specialists before water is removed.

Upon completion of drilling, each drill hole would be filled and plugged according to the State of Idaho BMPs for filling and plugging drill holes. Upon abandonment of a drill site, sumps would be allowed to dewater through percolation and evaporation, then backfilled. Topsoil would be replaced, duff and woody debris scattered over the area if available, the area seeded and mulched, as necessary. If earth-leveling is required for any drill pad, the area would be restored to original contour, topsoil replaced, and the site re-vegetated. Each drill site would be reclaimed when work at that site is completed before moving on to the next drill site.

Equipment proposed for use in this operation includes one Termite hydraulic core drill, four ATV's, one water truck with pump and distribution lines, one generator, one air compressor, one welder, one jump tank for fuel containments, two pickups, one Lowboys, and one tractor.

Access to the project area is *via* NFS Road 250.

This project is currently proposed for the spring and summer of 2014 and may extend through the 2015 operating season, depending on weather and timing. Duration of the operation would be one year or less.

Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Martin Jones at (208) 983-5158.

Palouse Ranger District

Rock Bizarre Mineral Materials
Legal Description: T42N, R4W, Section 14 (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(8) *Short-term (1 year or less) mineral, energy, or geophysical investigations and their incidental support activities that may require cross-country travel by vehicles and equipment, construction of less than 1 mile of low standard road, or use and minor repair of existing roads.*
Narrative Summary: The Palouse District Ranger proposes to allow the project proponent to use mechanized equipment to facilitate the removal of large pieces of rubble from a primitive road/trail on the Palouse District.

Background: There is an unoccupied cabin on the claim which was built by a past claimant. A road (not on the Forest Service Travel Plan) comes off of NFS Road 4766 near Hoteling Creek in Section 14 of T42N R4W. The road continues through the claim for approximately 2,300 feet and connects to a road on adjacent Potlatch Corporation land. The road also has a gate (not owned by the Forest Service) where the road departs from NFS Road 4766 and a small bridge (not owned by the Forest Service) across Hoteling Creek.

Proponent would like to use 4-6 workers/laborers to slide or lift syenite and quartzite boulders from the side of the road onto metal skids using a tractor; drag metal skids to the trailer (approximately 1000 feet); and, winch or lift rock from the skid onto the trailer for transport out on NFS roads. The amount of rock to be removed from the roadside would total approximately five tons of quartzite and approximately 20 tons of syenite. (The boulders exist as rubble on the side of the road, and **will not be dug** out of the ground.)

Equipment used would include a small (5000 lb. rubber-tired, 30 hp.) tractor to maneuver boulders, one pickup truck and trailer to transport boulders and equipment on and off the Forest on existing roads, and one large tent for camping.

This project is currently proposed for the spring and summer of 2014 and may extend through the 2015 operating season, depending on weather and timing. Duration of the operation would be one year or less.

Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Clint Hughes at (208) 983-5146.

Red River Ranger District

Mackay Bar Fish & Game Cabin Expansion
Legal Description: T42N R8E Section 32 NWNW (Boise Meridian)
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(3) *Approval/modification of a minor special use of National Forest Service lands that requires less than five continuous acres of land.*

Narrative Summary: The Red River District Ranger proposes to allow Idaho Department of Fish and Game (hereinafter referred to as "IDF&G") to build a 12'x16' addition to the existing patrol cabin that would increase the sleeping capacity of the cabin from four people to 10 people.

Background: Currently, IDF&G has a special use permit (RED69) for the patrol cabin and sanitary facilities at Mackay Bar. The permit was reissued in 2009 and is valid to December 31, 2039. IDF&G owns the cabin and outhouse structures. The existing cabin is approximately 12' x 20'. The outhouse structure is approx. 4'x4' over a 5' deep hole. The hole was dug in in 2010, is approximately 25% full, and is projected to last for another three to five years, depending on use at the cabin.

Water for the cabin is supplied from a nearby, intermittent stream that feeds into the Salmon River. Water is run through 1" poly pipe from the stream for approximately 100' and is left to flow onto the floodplain below the cabin. When the cabin is being used, approximately three gallons of grey water run through the sink in a day. This water drains into a covered sump hole below the cabin. The cabin sits approximately 150-200 feet from the bank of the Salmon River.

The cabin is used for a long season, in the early spring and well into late fall. Historical records show a range of 15 to 50 people using the cabin annually. Groups stay from four to 15 nights per year.

Design Plans/Specifications: One large surface boulder that would need to be moved out of the way to place the surface footings for the new addition. The boulder is not imbedded and can be rolled out of the way.

Also, one hackberry tree at the corner would be cut.

Footings would be placed on the surface of the ground rather than using subsurface footings that would require ground disturbance. The new building would tie into the existing roofline and the exterior would be completed to match the existing structure.

IDF&G has submitted a grant to fund this expansion and expects to hear back on the funding in the summer of 2013, with the hope of completing the structure before winter of 2013. However, they are cognizant that approval and funding may not fall into place in 2013 and are amenable to postponing construction until 2014. They intend to construct the cabin themselves, with help from their Regional Office utility craftsmen.

There would be minimal soil disturbance at the site for this project as the cabin expansion will sit on ground surface footings that do not require subsurface holes. No large equipment would be required to transport equipment to the site or to construct the addition.

Project Information: If you have questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Kearstin Edwards at (208) 476-8344 or (832) 380-6556