

**NOTICE FOR COMMENT
USDA- Forest Service,
Northern Region
Idaho Panhandle
National Forests
Bonners Ferry Ranger
District and Sandpoint
Ranger District
Bonner County and
Boundary County, Idaho
The Grouse Bear
Management Unit
Compliance Project -
Environmental Assessment**

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests is proposing to manage the road system on National Forest System lands near Grouse Creek. The project area is located within all or portions of Federal lands in: portions of T58N R1E Sections 1, 12; T58N R2E Sections 2 thru 10, 15, 16, 17; T59N R1E Sections 1 thru 18, 20 thru 28, 33 thru 36; T59N R1W Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13; T59N R2E Sections 3 thru 11, 14 thru 23, 26 thru 35; T60N R1E Sections 1 thru 36; T60N R1W Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36; T60N R1E Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31, 32, 33; T61N R1E Sections 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, 36; T61N R2E Section 31.

The Grouse Bear Management Unit (BMU) Compliance project proposes to store approximately 28 miles of roads and close approximately 3 miles of unclassified roads. The project also proposes to re-route about 2 miles of Forest Road 280 away from Grouse Creek. For more details, please refer to the complete environmental assessment, along with supporting documentation, which is available for viewing and downloading on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests website at: <https://www.fs.usda>

[.gov/project/?project=47308](https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47308)
Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.25, written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, or electronic comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the Coeur d'Alene Press. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. You should not rely upon dates or time frame information provided by any other source. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a) (4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2). Submit your comments by one of the following methods.

- 1) Written comments must be addressed to the Responsible Officials, Erick Walker, Sandpoint District Ranger, and Kevin Knauth, Bonners Ferry District Ranger, and submitted to: Kris Hennings, Sandpoint Ranger District, 1602 Ontario Street, Sandpoint, ID 83864. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- 2) Oral comments must be provided at the Bonners Ferry or Sandpoint Ranger District office during normal business

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hours via telephone (208) 267-5561, (208) 263-5111, or in person.

- 3) Fax your comments to (208) 265-6670. Direct your fax to the attention of Kris Hennings, Project Leader, and include Grouse BMU Compliance Project on the subject line.
- 4) Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format (pdf), and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications. Email your comments to: comments-northern-idpanhandle-sandpoint@fs.fed.us

The subject line must contain the name of the project for which you are submitting comments. For electronically mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

Specific comments should include: (1) the commenter's name, address, telephone number, and organization represented, if any; (2) title of the document on which the comments are being submitted; (3) specific written comments regarding the proposed activity, along with supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider; and (4) signature(s). Only those who submit timely and specific written comments as defined in 36 CFR 218 regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official will

be eligible to file an objection. For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity must provide a name and mailing address and either sign the comments, or verify their identity upon request. Individual members of an organization must submit their own comments in order to have eligibility to object as an individual.

Information received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of those who provide input, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments may also be submitted anonymously; however anonymous comments will not provide objection eligibility to the submitter. Additional information is available from project leader Kris Hennings, (208) 263-5111 at the Sandpoint Ranger District office.
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