

USDA - Forest Service
Idaho Panhandle National Forests
Kootenai County, Idaho

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and draft decision notice (DN) for the **Lone Mountain Administrative Site Land Sale** project. The proposal is to sell six parcels of National Forest System (NFS) land, a total of approximately 136 acres, located entirely within Kootenai County (T53N, R4W, Section 27, NE 1/4; Boise Meridian). Part of the Lone Mountain Seed Orchard, the property is designated as a Forest Service administrative site. It is isolated (approximately 5 miles from other NFS lands) and is no longer needed for seed orchard development. The parcels would be sold at not less than market value pursuant to the Forest Service Facilities Realignment and Enhancement Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-54).

The environmental assessment is a site-specific evaluation of the proposed action; the draft DN describes the decision to proceed with the land sale and provides supporting rationale, including a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) to the human environment. The EA, draft DN, scoping comments and other information are available to view or download from the Idaho Panhandle National Forests' website at (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47431>).

The proposed Lone Mountain project is subject to the project-level predecisional administrative review (objection) process under 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. A written objection must be submitted to the reviewing officer within 45 calendar days following publication of this legal notice. It is the responsibility of objectors to ensure their objections are received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9(a)). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors should not rely upon time requirements provided by any other source.

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d). Incomplete responses to these requirements make review of an objection difficult and are conditions under which the reviewing officer may set aside an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.10. Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b).

Mail or deliver objections to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service - Northern Region, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula MT 59804. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted via an email to appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us, with "Lone Mountain Land Sale Project" typed in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted in MS Word (.doc or .docx) or rich text format (.rtf). The telephone number for faxed objections is (406) 329-3411.

If objections are filed, approval of project activities will not occur until the pre-decisional review process is complete and a final decision notice issued. If no objections are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, the fifth business day following the end of the objection filing period, depending upon the availability of funding.

The responsible official for this project is Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. If you have questions about the Lone Mountain Land Sale Project, please contact Acting District Ranger Kevin Knesek during normal business hours at the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District (208-664-2318 or kevin.s.knesek@usda.gov).

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