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SALMON-CHALLIS PRESENTS NEXT STEPS IN FOREST PLAN REVISION PROCESS

SALMON, IDAHO – The Salmon-Challis National Forest has scheduled several public meetings to present its next steps in revising their dated Forest Plans.

“A successful Forest Plan Revision will depend upon the Forest Service addressing issues that are important to the public, and we received valuable feedback on issues and concerns that are important to communities,” said Forest Plan Revision Team Leader Josh Milligan. “The purpose of the April meetings will be to continue this dialog by sharing what we’ve heard and answering questions.”

In addition to sharing progress made so far in the assessment phase of the revision, the team will be going over some of the mandatory processes that coincide with the revision effort. Specialists from the team will explain the steps they’ll take to evaluate Wilderness areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and Species of Conservation Concern.

Meetings are scheduled for the following locations:

Salmon – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, April 24, Idaho Department of Fish & Game Salmon Region

May – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Pashimeroi Valley Grange (May Grange)

Mackay – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, American Legion Hall

Ketchum – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Ketchum Community Library

Individuals who are unable to attend one of these meetings can opt to participate virtually. A webinar covering the same agenda is scheduled for 12:30-2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 4. Participants can access the meeting at <https://usfs.adobeconnect.com/scnf-fpr/>.

All of the events will give Forest users the opportunity to review initial maps of areas to be evaluated for suitability as Wilderness or as Wild and Scenic Rivers and the initial list of animals and plants being considered as Species of Conservation Concern. The team will also present ways that the public can provide assistance throughout these processes.

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“Public input is vital to the wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers evaluation process,” said Recreation Program Manager Nick Schade, who is overseeing these efforts. “We hope to hear from as many people as possible, as community involvement in these initial phases will help shape the evaluation going forward and lead to a better, more successful Forest Plan.”

For more information about these meetings, email scnf_plan_rev@fs.fed.us, call Forest Plan Revision Team Leader Josh Milligan at 756-5560, or visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>.

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