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SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST DRAFT WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ELIGIBILITY REPORT

Salmon, ID – The comment period for the Salmon-Challis National Forest Draft Wild and Scenic Eligibility Report ended on July 16th, 2018. We received more than 100 comments and are in the process of reviewing that feedback. “While we haven’t finished reviewing feedback, we have heard from the public that they want us to ground truth river segments that are proposed to be eligible as potential Wild and Scenic Rivers in our draft report. We are listening and have decided to visit river segments that are proposed to be eligible for reasons where field review would be helpful in determining if a river should be eligible or not,” said Forest Supervisor Chuck Mark. The public, adjacent landowners, Forest permittees and Forest users are encouraged to participate in this field validation. The field review is expected to begin very soon but will likely mean that a revised eligibility report will not be released this fall, as planned but at a later date. “We feel it is in the best interest of the Forest and the public to make sure we get this right, even if it ends up taking us a little longer to complete the process,” said Chuck Mark.

For more information on the Salmon-Challis Wild and Scenic River eligibility and suitability process and Forest Plan Revision, visit the Salmon- Challis National Forest Website at <http://bit.ly/wsresfpr>.

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