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WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS FIELD TOURS PLANNED

Salmon, ID – The Salmon-Challis National Forest is inviting members of the public to join staff in the field to review potential Wild and Scenic River eligible segments. Field days are planned for Friday, October 19 at Wildhorse Creek in Copper Basin of Lost River Ranger District, and Saturday, October 20 at Bear Valley Creek on the Leadore Ranger District.

“Members of the public have asked the Forest to field verify results from a draft eligibility report, and we are doing that,” said Forest Supervisor Chuck Mark. “But we also know that stakeholders like adjacent landowners, grazing permittees, hunters, anglers and hikers also have extensive knowledge of these rivers and streams. The goal of these field trips is to demonstrate how to record observations that help us determine the extent which a river or stream possesses outstandingly remarkable values.”

The Forest will use both internal and external field validation to revise the Wild and Scenic Rivers eligibility report, with an anticipated release date of summer 2019.

“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 Mark.

Those wishing to attend the field tours can meet at the following locations:

- Friday, Oct. 19 Wildhorse Creek tour: 8 a.m. at the Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Salmon, or 10:30 a.m. at the Trail Creek Road/Copper Basin junction Trail Creek Road (#208) is off Highway 93 about 16 miles north of Mackay. Follow this road 18 miles to the Copper Basin Road (#135).
- Sat, Oct. 20 Bear Valley Creek tour: 9 a.m. at the Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Salmon, or 10:30 a.m. at the Bear Valley Creek Trailhead (From Highway 28, 1 mile north of Lemhi, turn west on Hayden Creek Road. Follow Forest Service Road #008 to Bear Valley Creek at 8.5 miles. At this road junction take the right fork, Forest Service Road #009, up Bear Valley Creek Road for 4.7 miles to the Bear Valley Trailhead).

To RSVP for the field tour, please contact Jessica Schick at 208-756-5579 or email at scnf_plan_rev@fs.fed.us.

For more detailed field tour directions, 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/SCNF_Plan_Revision.

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