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PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOCUS ON SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN DEVELOPMENT

SALMON, ID – Members of the public will have an opportunity to check in with the Salmon-Challis National Forest Plan Revision team at workshops starting November 1. The first phase of the 4-year plan revision process – assessment – was completed in July.

“We are now looking to work with the public to take those issues that are important for a forest plan to address, and begin to design different scenarios that would meet the needs of a healthy forest and healthy communities,” explained Josh Milligan, forest plan revision team leader.

The three-hour workshops will engage participants in describing successful forest plan desires and outcomes, solicit information about wilderness values and management considerations, and update on the Wild and Scenic River eligibility process.

“This is our chance to share the Forest’s thinking about how to approach plan development,” Milligan said. “We are still far from diving into the details. We are not yet in the environmental analysis phase, so we are not talking about specific alternatives at these workshops. Our goal here is to include our stakeholders in this conversation early and often.”

The public workshops will be held at the following locations:

Salmon, Thursday, November 1, 4-7 p.m., Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Salmon Region
Challis, Saturday, November 3, 9 - noon, American Legion Hall
Mackay, Tuesday, November 13, 9 - noon, American Legion Hall
Hailey, Wednesday, November 14, 4-7 p.m., Community Campus

A workshop in Arco and topical webinars are planned for after Thanksgiving. As details of these events become available, they will be posted to our website, http://bit.ly/SCNF_Plan_Revision. Workshop materials will be posted to the site the week before the event.

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