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### SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST SETS DATES FOR PLAN REVIEW WORKSHOPS

#### Salmon, ID-March 2, 2020

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is nearing completion of a detailed review of the existing 1987 Challis Forest Plan and 1988 Salmon Forest Plan and has set dates for public workshops to discuss these initial findings.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

- Monday, April 6, 5 –7 pm, Idaho Department of Fish & Game conference room in Salmon – Recreation and Minerals
- Monday, April 13, 5 – 7 pm, Challis American Legion Hall – Recreation and Minerals
- Saturday, April 18, 10 am – noon, Idaho Department of Fish & Game conference room, Salmon – Fire, Fuels, and Timber
- Saturday, April 25, 10 am – noon, Challis American Legion Hall -- Range
- Monday, April 27, 5 –7 pm, Idaho Department of Fish & Game conference room, Salmon – Range
- Wednesday, April 29, 5-7 pm, Challis American Legion Hall – Fire, Fuels, Timber

An interactive webinar to cover all the topics will be scheduled in early May for those people unable to attend the workshops in person.

The forest plan revision effort was initiated in 2017 with the idea of developing one plan for the two forests that were administratively combined more than 20 years ago. Some members of the public questioned whether the existing Salmon and Challis forest plans needed changed, and they asked the agency to examine each plan in more detail.

The forest will release a list of plan direction, organized by resource area, and an initial evaluation of whether law, regulation, or policy developed since the late 1980s has influenced the forest's ability to implement plan direction. The public will be notified when this information is posted, and Tom Ford, ecosystem staff officer, said the goal is to have the document posted two weeks before public workshops begin.

Forest Supervisor Chuck Mark is expected to consider the findings from the review and public input, and determine whether each plan should be revised, amended, or left unchanged.

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