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Public Comments Sought for Limestone/Silver Forest Health Improvement Project

NEWPORT, WASH. (February 13, 2017) – The Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger Districts of the Colville National Forest would like the public's input on a proposed action for the Limestone/Silver Vegetation Management Project. The project proposes to treat approximately 3,000 acres of National Forest System lands northwest of Lone, Washington.

The purpose of the project is to improve forest health, reduce insect and disease outbreaks and reduce the risk of wildfire by thinning overstocked stands.

The purpose of this comment period is to offer the public an opportunity to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. A detailed description of the proposed treatments, and associated maps are available on the project website at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49502

Public comments will be used to help refine the analysis and to inform the final decision on this project. The comment period is open until March 17, 2017. Public comments should provide specific facts and supporting reasons to aid the Responsible Official in reaching a decision.

Submit comments online at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49502 or to Michelle Paduani, Newport-Sullivan Lake Districts Environmental Coordinator by mail, in person, or by phone. For more information on this project, or on how to get copies of the scoping letter or proposed action, please contact Michelle Paduani at 509-447-7361 or comments-pacificnorthwest-colville-newport@fs.fed.us.

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