

**USDA-Forest Service,
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest**

Notice of 90-day Comment on Draft North Cascades
Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental
Impact Statement

Request for Comment: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is now available for a 90-day comment period. This DEIS is being developed in cooperation with North Cascades National Park, Forest Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The plan alternatives include actions proposed to occur within North Cascades National Park, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The draft alternatives are described and analyzed in the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan DEIS along with associated maps and can be reviewed at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/grizzlydeis>. The draft plan/EIS evaluates the impacts of a range of alternative approaches for determining how to restore the grizzly bear to the North Cascades Ecosystem grizzly bear recovery zone, a portion of its historical range. Upon conclusion of the draft plan/EIS and decision-making process, the alternative selected for implementation will become the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan.

U.S.D.A Forest Service Objection Process: Actions proposed on NFS lands under this plan/EIS constitute activities that implement land management plans for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and are subject to the agency's pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The objection process occurs prior to the Forest Service making a final decision (signing a ROD) and will include circulation of the final EIS and draft decision document (ROD).

Only those persons who submit timely and specific written comments (36 CFR 218.2) regarding the proposed project or activity during the public comment period are eligible to file an objection (36 CFR 218.24(b)(6)). The North Cascades National Park will accept comments on behalf of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest on this proposal for 90 days following the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The preferred method for submitting comments is on the NPS PEPC website at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/grizzlydeis>. You may also mail or hand-deliver your comments to: Superintendent's Office, North Cascades National Park Service Complex, 810 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284.

It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request (36 CFR 218.24(b)(8)). Comments received by the Park in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be part of the public record for this project.



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