

## Legal Notice for Island Park OHV trails Project

Opportunity to comment on the plan amendment associated with the Island Park OHV Trails Project.

On July 9, 2013, the Forest Service, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, published a notice of opportunity to comment on the Island Park OHV Trails Project (Project). Analysis indicates that approval of the proposed Project would require an amendment to the 1997 Targhee Revised Forest Plan. The proposed amendment would close approximately 43,610 acres and open approximately 493 acres to cross-country OHV travel and change the Open Road and Open Motorized Trail Route Density for within four Management Prescription areas within the Project area.

Because the decision may include approval of a plan amendment, the responsible official for the Project and the amendment will be the Forest Supervisor of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest (36 CFR 219.2(b)(3)).

As required under 36 CFR 219.17(b)(2), the proposed plan amendment associated with the Project is subject to the predecisional administrative review process ("planning objection procedure") set forth in 36 CFR 219 Subpart B.

This legal notice is to announce the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan amendment and associated draft environmental analysis. These are included in the draft environmental analysis for the Project, available for review online on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects) under the Island Park OHV Trails Project. Hard copies of the EA are available at the Island Park and Ashton offices. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Individuals or entities wishing to be eligible to object must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 219.53. Only those individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to the proposed plan amendment during opportunities for public comment may file an objection. Objections must be based on previously submitted substantive formal comments attributed to the objector, unless the objection concerns an issue that arises after the opportunities for formal comment (36 CFR 219.53).

Substantive formal comments must be written comments submitted to, or oral comments recorded by, the responsible official or his designee during an opportunity for public participation and attributed to the individual or entity providing them (36 CFR 219.62). Comments are considered substantive when they are within the scope of the proposal, are specific to the proposal, have a direct relationship to the proposal, and include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider (36 CFR 219.62). Formal comments received from an authorized representative(s) of an entity are considered those of the entity only. A member of an individual must submit substantive formal comments independently to be eligible to file an objection in an individual capacity (36 CFR 219.53(b)).

For the proposed plan amendment, the opportunities for public participation are the 45 day comment period announced by this notice as well as the previous 30 day comment period announced by the July 9, 2013 notice.

Comments on the Project submitted during the comment period announced by this notice will be considered by the responsible official but cannot be used to determine eligibility for objections under 36 CFR 218 relating to the Project. The comment period used to determine eligibility for objections relating

to the Project was announced by the July 9, 2013 notice, has closed, and by regulation cannot be extended.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 45 days following publication of this notice in the Post Register. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the means for calculating the comment period announced by this notice. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written comments must be submitted to: Liz Davy, District Ranger, P.O. Box 858, Ashton, ID 83420. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to [Comments-intermtn-caribou-targhee-ashton-islandpark@fs.fed.us](mailto:Comments-intermtn-caribou-targhee-ashton-islandpark@fs.fed.us). In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

If you have questions, please contact Liz Davy at 208-652-7442.