

Opportunity to Object to Island Park OHV Project Decision

The Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for Island Park OHV Project have been completed. A letter notifying those who have previously submitted specific comments related to the project was mailed out on April 9, 2014. The Island Park OHV project on the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District and Caribou-Targhee Forest proposes to designate approximately 42 miles of motorized trail; decommission approximately 15 miles of National Forest System Roads; and obliterate approximately 73 miles of user-created routes that are not part of the Forest Transportation System. Several site specific Forest Plan amendments are involved in the selected alternative. The amendments involve increasing Open Road Open Motorized Trail and Road Density (OROMTRD) in several prescription area polygons; closing areas currently open to motorized cross-country travel and opening an area around West End Campground to cross-country motorized travel. The Responsible Official who issued this DN and FONSI for this project is Forest Supervisor, Brent L. Larson.

A Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the **Island Park OHV Trails** project are available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects>. The Environmental Assessment (EA), project maps and appendices are located on the same website. A hard copy of the EA and additional information regarding this proposed project can be obtained from: Liz Davy, Ashton/Island Park District Ranger at either of the District offices during regular business hours. The offices are located at 46 Highway 20, Ashton, ID or 3726 Highway 20, Island Park, ID. Or you can contact Liz by phone 208-652-7442 or email edavy@fs.fed.us.

This proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 and 36 CFR 219 regulations.

Eligibility to File Objections

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 218.5(a) and 219.53. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual, objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (218.7, 219.62). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Contents of an Objection

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at 218.8(b), 219.54. Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in 218.8(d), 219.62 include

- Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project, and
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection.
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment.

Filing an Objection

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx). It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (218.9, 219.56).

The publication date in the *Idaho Falls Post Register* newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

The Reviewing Officer is the Regional Forester. Send objections to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to:

appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

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