United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Nez Perce National Forest
104 Airport Road
Grangeville, ID 83530
208-983-1950
Clearwater National Forest
12730 Highway 12
Orofino, ID 83544
208-476-4541

File Code: 1950
Date: September 4, 2013

Dear Planning Participant:

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will be considering the attached project and conducting and environmental analysis in the near future.

The Palouse District Ranger has made a preliminary assessment that this project falls within a category of actions listed in 36 CFR 220.6, thereby excluding it from documentation in an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

To submit a comment on this proposal, please follow the instructions provided in the "How to Provide Comments" section.

Thank you for your continued participation in projects involving the Nez Perce–Clearwater National Forests.

Sincerely,

RICK BRAZELL
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure: Map, photographs, and design

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How to Provide Comments

Please review the following proposal and submit your site-specific comments as described below so they can be included in our analysis for the project.

Written, facsimile transmitted, hand-delivered, and oral comments will be accepted for **30 calendar days following publication of a legal notice in the *Lewiston Tribune.*** The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. One should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this project, please contact Linda S. Helm, Small NEPA Coordinator, Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Kamiah, Idaho or call (208) 935-4285. Oral comments must be provided to her during normal business hours *via* telephone or in person. Written comments should either be mailed or hand-delivered (between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST), Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays) to her c/o Nez Perce – Clearwater National Forests, Supervisor's office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho 83530; submitted *via* facsimile transmittal to her at (208) 935-4275, where they will be forwarded to the Kamiah office *via* electronic mail. Electronic mail comments should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to comments-northern-nezperce@fs.fed.us.

If you choose to comment on the proposal, please include the following: (1) your name, address, and (if possible) your telephone number, and organization represented (if any); (2) title of this project; and, (3) specific facts and relevant rationale concerning this project that you feel should be considered. For appeal eligibility, each individual must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Additional information regarding how to comment can be found at 36 CFR 215.6.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, telephone numbers, addresses, and electronic mail addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; **however, those who submit anonymous comments may not have standing to appeal** the subsequent decision pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the Agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentially should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and the available options at that time (see 7 CFR 1.27 for further information).

Project Proposal

Palouse Ranger District

Feather Creek Corral Expansion
Legal Description: T41N, R1W, SE Corner Section 12 (just north of private property) Boise Meridian
Proposed Category: 36 CFR 226.6(e)(9) *Implementation or modification of minor management practices to improve allotment condition or animal distribution when an allotment management plan is not yet in place.*

Narrative Summary: The Palouse District Ranger proposes to renew the Feather Creek Coral Expansion project.

Background: The Kendrick Cattlemen's Association (which runs on the West Fork Potlatch/Moose Creek Allotment) would like to build two additional wood pens in correlation to an existing corral. Seven different permitees run on this allotment. The cattlemen load from these corrals, and need separate pens for ownership and to sort cow/calf pairs when hauling home post season. Because the existing corrals are too small, space and safety become issues while sorting the cattle. The addition of two corrals would resolve these issues.

Design Specifications/Equipment to be Used: The Kendrick Cattlemen's Association would like to construct a 52' x 33' corral coming east off the existing corral, and a 33' x 33' corral between the existing corral and riparian exclosure fence. Approximately 50 railroad ties will be utilized for this construction.

Use of a light tractor with an attached auger will be used to dig approximately 56, three foot deep holes, eight inches in diameter for the placement of the railroad ties and gate posts. Approximately six, smaller diameter trees (under five inches circumference) will need to be removed for the placement of the 53' x 33' corral site.

The cattlemen will be performing the labor and the Forest Service will be furnishing the supplies. No other entities or agencies need to be contacted for coordination.

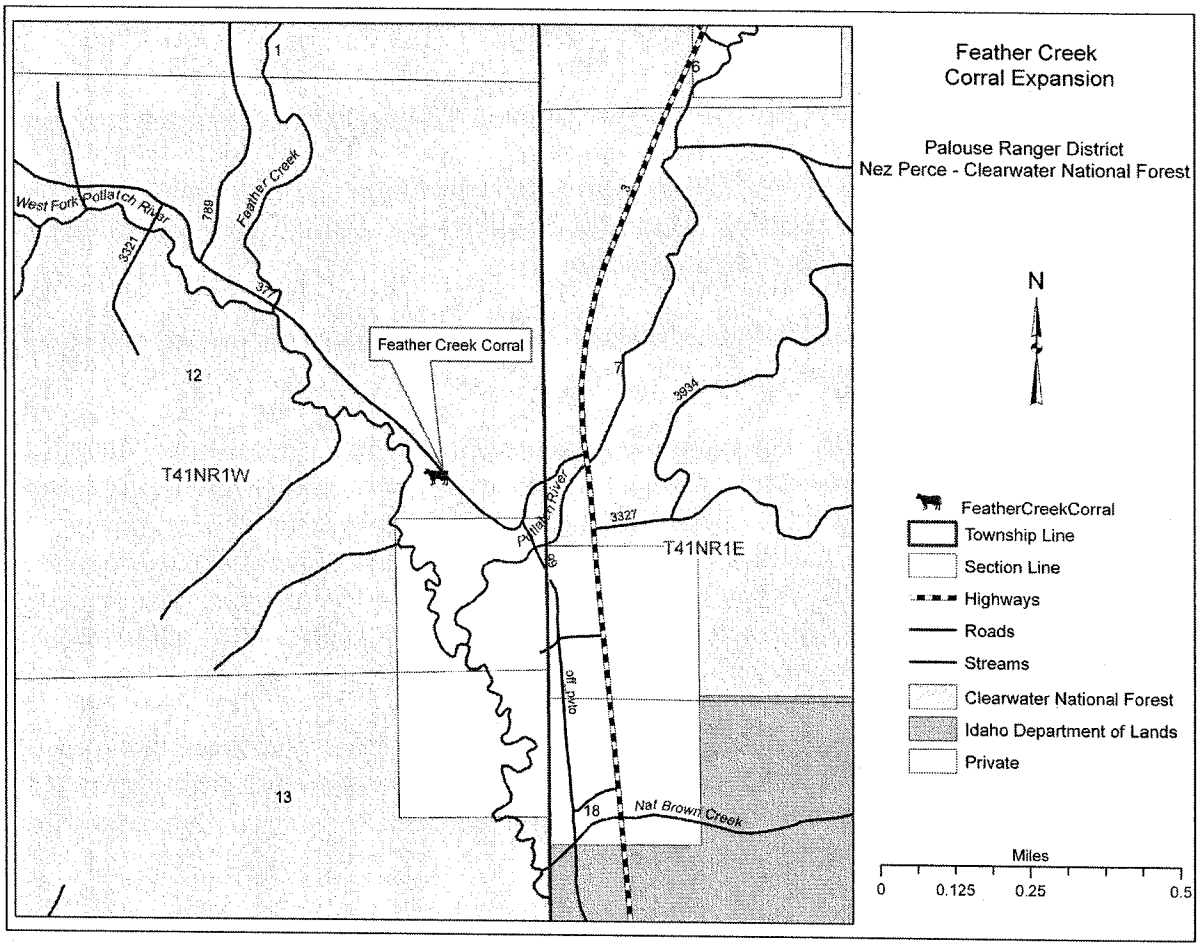
The site location is an old, hardened landing with a dispersed camp site and the existing corral.

This project does not change access restrictions.

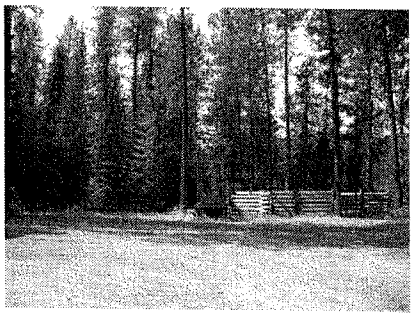
Depending on soil and weather conditions, project implementation if planned for May of Fiscal Year 2014.

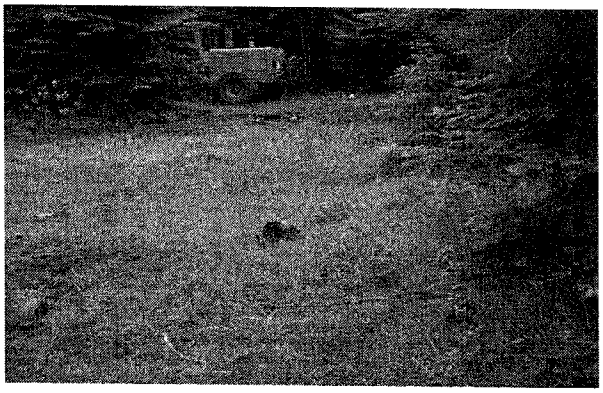
Project Information: If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project, contact Christina McGreevy at (208) 875-1722.

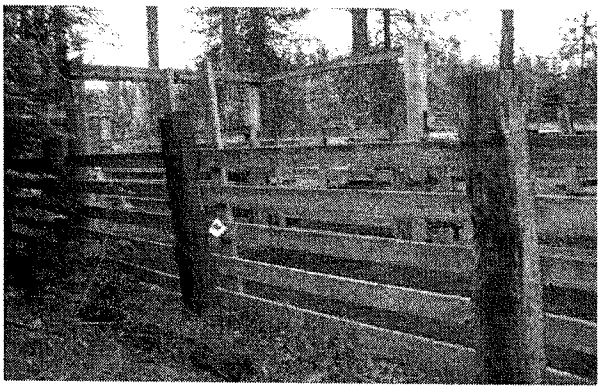
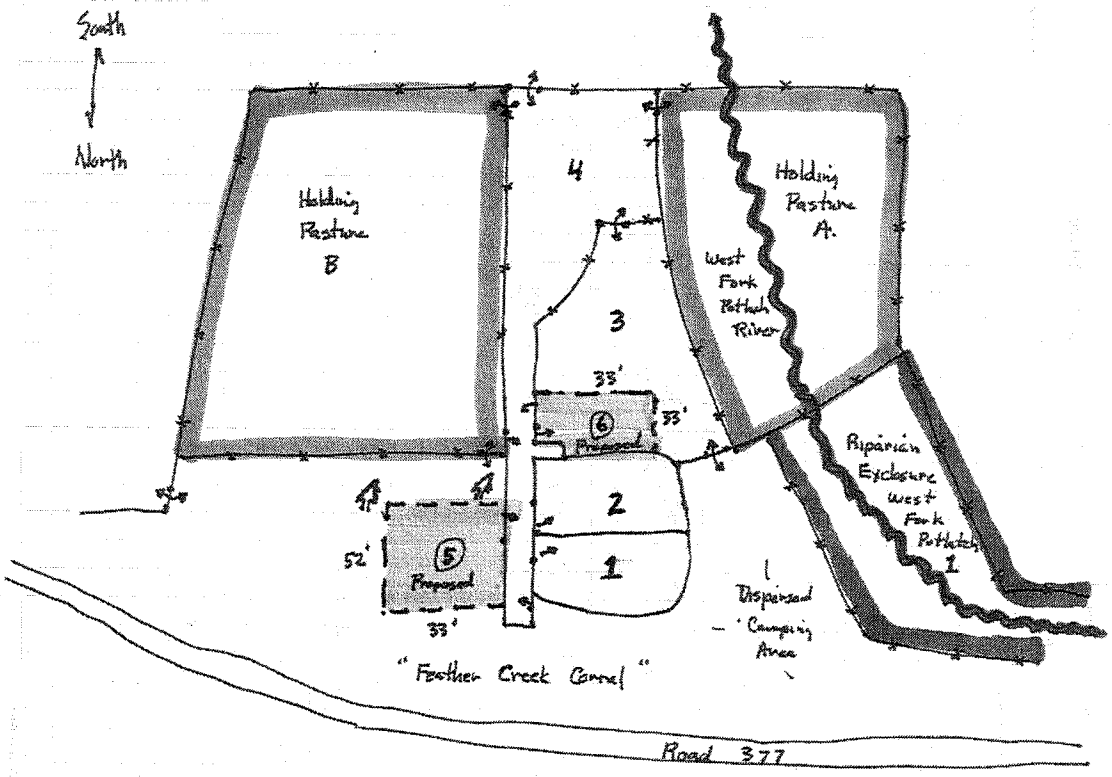
Map of Feather Creek Corral Expansion Site



Photographs of Feather Creek Corral Expansion Site







Design Plans/Specifications for Project