DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests; Idaho; Notice To Proceed With Forest Plan Revision

AGENCY: Forest Service, Northern Region, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of initiating the development of a proposed forest plan revision for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Northern Region, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests have initiated revision of their forest plan pursuant to the 2012 Forest Planning Rule. This process will ultimately result in a Forest Land Management Plan which describes the strategic direction for management of forest resources for the next ten to fifteen years on these National Forests (NFs). The first two phases of the process—preparing an assessment and developing a proposed action for plan revision—have begun. The 2012 Planning Rule requires the Forest Service to notify interested parties of development of a proposed plan or plan revision (36 CFR 219.16(a)(1)). This notice meets that requirement. The public may comment on the draft assessment and draft proposed action (draft plan components) through the plan revision Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/main/nezperceclearwater/landmanagement/planning.

DATES: The refined assessment will be available for public input in October 2013. A proposed action, which will be in the format of a plan (including plan components), is expected to be available for public comment in January 2014. A Notice of Intent will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to NEPA at that time. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in early 2015 with the Final EIS being available late 2015.

ADDRESSES: Information, including the draft assessment and draft forest plan components (proposed action), is available on the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs’ Web site at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/nezperceclearwater/landmanagement/planning. The Web site has a link to a Collaborative Mapping Web site for site based input. Comments can also be sent via email to fpr_npclw@fs.fed.us. Comments are welcome at anytime but comments received prior to August 1, 2013 will be considered in the refined assessment and proposed action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce Thompson, Forest Planning and Public Affairs Staff, (208) 935–4273, email: fpr_npclw@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) of 1976 requires that every National Forest System unit develop a land management plan. On April 9, 2012, the Forest Service finalized its land management planning rule (2012 Planning Rule) which implements the NFMA. Forest Plans describe the strategic direction for management of forest resources for ten to fifteen years and are adaptive and amendable as conditions change over time. Under the 2012 Planning Rule, the assessment of ecological, social, and economic trends and conditions is the first phase of the planning process. Only informal public input is required at this stage (36 CFR 219.16(c)(6)). The second phase is development of a proposed plan which ultimately includes analysis and a Record of Decision in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Forest Plan Revision process started on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests in April 2012. An interdisciplinary team was assigned and began working on development of the Forest Plan Revision.

The Forest worked with University of Idaho staff to develop a strategy on how to engage the public in the Forest Plan Revision process through a collaborative framework and open, transparent process. Five public orientation meetings, cohosted by County Commissioners and facilitated by University of Idaho staff, were held in Grangeville, Orofino, Moscow, and Lewiston, ID and Lolo, MT to:
1. Inform the interested public on our intent to initiate Forest Plan Revision efforts
2. Solicit input on how the Forests could allow for an open, transparent and inclusive public participation process
3. Identify interested members of the public

Interested members of the public participated in a two-day Forest Planning Summit held Oct. 13–14, 2012 in Orofino, ID. The Forest worked with University of Idaho staff to design and facilitate the Summit. The Summit was also cohosted with County Commissioners representing the five counties in which the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs lay. During the Summit, participants were asked how they wanted to participate in Forest Plan Revision, to what extent they could participate and how they would work together during collaborative participation. A core group of 60–70 interested parties/members of the public identified a process for collaborating with the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs.

The Summit initiated a process where interested parties/members of the public met monthly in a collaborative learning environment to provide input to the Forest Supervisor and Forest Interdisciplinary Team. The locations of meetings rotated between Grangeville and Orofino, ID with two satellite locations in Missoula, MT and Boise, ID participating via video teleconference. The first meeting occurred in November 2012 in Grangeville, ID with seven subsequent meetings. The Forests will not hold meetings during the summer of 2013 while they review and compile input and perform preliminary analysis. Public collaboration meetings will continue in October 2013.

E-collaboration tools were developed so all interested members of the public could provide input into Forest Plan Revision efforts, not just those individuals who physically participated in collaborative meetings. Public input, whether received through collaborative meetings, e-collaboration or other forms,
will be on-going throughout the Forest Plan Revision process. All public input received during collaborative meetings was recorded and will be considered within the final decision, along with input received via e-collaboration and other forms.

The Interdisciplinary Team’s refinement of the Forest Plan Assessment is expected to be available to the public in October 2013; however, public input will be accepted and consequently included into the Assessment until the Record of Decision is signed. A detailed proposed action will be available for public comment in January 2014, at which time a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement will be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: June 27, 2013.
Rick Brazell, 
Forest Supervisor.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

AGENCY: Salmon-Challis National Forest, Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice New Fee Sites.

SUMMARY: The Salmon-Challis National Forest is proposing to begin charging fees at three recreation sites. All sites have recently been reconstructed or amenities have been added to improve services and experiences. Fees are assessed based on the level of amenities and services provided, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Funds from fees would be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these recreation sites.

Two campgrounds on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District, Custer #1 and Flat Rock Extension Campground received extensive rehabilitation in 2007 and are conveniently located near the Historic Custer Townsite and the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River. The funds collected will be used for the continued operation and maintenance of these popular campgrounds. The proposed fee would be $5.00 per night. Twin Creek Picnic Area is currently a fee free site; however improvements made in 2008 and 2009 included new toilet facilities and a rehabilitated drinking water system and addressed sanitation and safety concerns, an overall improvement to the recreation experience. The proposed fee to help maintain this site would be $20.00 per day to reserve and use the large group picnic site which features the historic CCC-era picnic shelter, parking, drinking water, group fire place and horseshoe pits.

DATES: Send any comments about these fee proposals by September 2013 so comments can be compiled, analyzed and shared with a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee. New fees will begin after May 2014.

ADDRESS: Chuck Mark, Forest Supervisor, Salmon-Challis National Forest, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trish Callaghan, Recreation Program Coordinator, (208) 756–5115 or email at scnfi_fee_comments@fs.fed.us. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the Salmon-Challis National Forest Web site: http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/passes-permits/recreation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108–447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

Dated: June 5, 2013.

Charles A. Mark, 
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: NOAA Teacher At Sea Program. OMB Control Number: 0648–0283. Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 375.
Average Hours per Response: Applications, 1 hour; recommendations and NOAA Health Services Questionnaire, 15 minutes each; follow-up reports, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 289.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

NOAA provides educators an opportunity to gain first-hand experience with field research activities through the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program. Educators spend up to four weeks at sea on a NOAA research vessel, participating in an on-going research project with NOAA scientists. The application solicits information from interested educators: Basic personal information, teaching experience and ideas for applying program experience in their classrooms, plus two recommendations and a NOAA Health Services Questionnaire required of anyone selected to participate in the program. Once educators are selected and participate on a cruise, they write a report detailing the events of the cruise and ideas for classroom activities based on what they learned while at sea. These materials are then made available to other educators so they may benefit from the experience.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: July 5, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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