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Comments sought on the Boulder Creek Restoration Project

Bonnors Ferry, Idaho (October 5, 2017) – The Idaho Panhandle National Forests is seeking public comment on the Boulder Creek Restoration Project (BCRP) located on the Bonnors Ferry Ranger District. The public comment period is open for 30 days and comments will be accepted through November 6, 2017. The complete environmental analysis (EA), along with project information and comment instructions are available on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44066>

The BCRP is a vegetation management project designed to address forest health and resilience, wildlife habitat, watershed health, hazardous fuels, recreation trails, and a number of other resource issues. Within the 41,613 acre project area, approximately 7,400 acres are proposed for prescribed burning and about 3,400 acres for commercial vegetation management.

The project was developed in collaboration with the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) to complement other landscape restoration work in the Lower Kootenai River Valley. The KVRI collaborative consists of the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Boundary County, City of Bonnors Ferry, private citizens, landowners, Federal and State agencies, conservation/environmental advocacy groups, and representatives of business and industry.

Kevin Knauth, the Bonnors Ferry District Ranger, would like to thank all of the stakeholders involved in the project planning efforts. Please contact Doug Nishek, Project Team Leader, at dnishek@fs.fed.us or 208-267-5561 with any questions.

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