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Dear Citizen:

We are pleased to present the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the ***Forest Plan Amendments for Motorized Access Management within the Selkirk/Cabinet-Yaak Grizzly Bear Recovery Zones on the Kootenai, Lolo and Idaho Panhandle National Forests***, hereafter referred to as the Access Amendment, for your review.

Alternative E Updated has been identified as the Forest Service's Preferred Alternative.

The analysis for this DSEIS supplements the 2002 Final EIS and 2004 Record of Decision that was provided to the public. Our records show that you were involved in the previous Access Amendment EIS process or have recently expressed interest in this project. We are in the process of formally soliciting comments on this supplemental information to help us identify the specific merits of alternatives discussed, the adequacy of the analysis, and disclosure of effects. Publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on **May 8, 2009** initiates the 45-day public comment period. **Written comments must be postmarked or received by June 22, 2009.** Please send your written comments to:

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Electronic comments may be submitted to comments-northern-idpanhandle@fs.fed.us. The subject line must contain the name of the project for which you are submitting comments, in this case: Forest Plan Amendments for Motorized Access Management DSEIS. Acceptable formats are MS Word or RTF and preferably as an attachment. In addition, please include your name and address that is attached to the email account you are using. For electronically mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of comments, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

We will consider all public comments before making a decision. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a way that they are useful to the Agency's preparation of the EIS. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. Please provide specific facts along with supporting reasons that you believe we should consider in reaching a decision. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

A copy of the Final SEIS will be mailed to those individuals and organizations who submit comments during this comment period or who specifically request to remain on the mailing list for this project. If your address has changed, please include that information as well in your comments. If we do not hear from you, your name will be removed from the mailing list for this project.



Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the respondent with standing to participate in subsequent administrative review or judicial review.

Copies of the 2002 Final Environmental Impact Statement, 2004 Record of Decision and this Draft SEIS are available on the Kootenai National Forest website at:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai/projects/planning/documents/forest_plan/amendments/index.shtml.

Or on the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) website at:
<http://www.igbconline.org/html/selkirk.html>

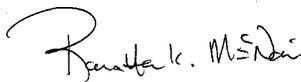
If you would like a copy of the DSEIS CD or hard copy, please contact Team Leader, Karl Dekome at the above address or call (208) 765-7479 or John Gubel, on the Kootenai National Forest, at (406) 283-7774.

Thank you for your participation in the Forest Plan amendment process. We appreciate your sustained commitment to this task and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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