

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
NORTHERN REGION
RECORD OF DECISION
FOR MOTORIZED ACCESS
MANAGEMENT WITHIN
THE SELKIRK AND
CABINET/YAAK GRIZZLY
BEAR RECOVERY ZONES
ON THE KOOTENAI, LOLO
AND IDAHO PANHANDLE
NATIONAL FORESTS**

The Kootenai, Idaho Panhandle, and Lolo National Forests have prepared a programmatic Record of Decision (ROD) that changes the land and resource management plans (Forest Plans) for the Kootenai, Idaho Panhandle and Lolo National Forests by amending the objectives, standards, and guidelines that address grizzly bear management within the Selkirk and Cabinet-Yaak Recovery Zones. The Record of Decision was signed by the Responsible Officials on November 9, 2011.

This ROD will not prescribe site-specific access management decisions within the two recovery zones. Site-specific decisions on individual roads and trails will be proposed through future project-level planning. These proposals will require public notification and will seek public input for identification of issues and concerns and development of alternative actions.

The ROD identifies the decision to select Alternative E Updated. This decision addresses public concerns, the social and economic environment, and existing access management on the Forests.

The Responsible Officials for these Forest Plan Amendments are Kootenai National Forest Supervisor Paul Bradford, Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor Mary Farnsworth, and Lolo National Forest Supervisor Deborah Austin.

The ROD, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion can be accessed on the Forest Service website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=24882.

For further information on this ROD and amendment process, and to request a complete copy of this ROD, please contact: Karl Dekome at the Idaho Panhandle National Forest Supervisor's Office, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83815 or by calling 208-765-7479.

This decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to the Optional Appeal Procedures Available during the Planning Rule Transition Period published at 54 FR 3357 (January 23, 1989), as amended at 54 FR 13807 (April 5, 1989); 54 FR 34509 (August 21, 1989); 55 FR 7895 (March 6, 1990); 56 FR 4918 (February 6, 1991); 56 FR 46550 (September 13, 1991); and 58 FR 58915 (November 4, 1993). The appeal period begins the day following publication of this notice.

A written appeal must be submitted within 45 days following the publication date of the legal notice of this decision in the following newspapers: 1) Coeur d'Alene Press, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 2) Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, Montana; and 3) Missoulian, Missoula Montana. It is the responsibility of those who appeal a decision to provide sufficient written evidence and rationale to show why our decision should be changed or reversed. Appeals must meet the content requirements of the Optional Appeal Procedures. Paper appeals must be submitted to: USDA Forest Service - Northern Region, ATTN: Appeal Deciding Officer, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807 (office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Electronic appeals must be submitted to: appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us. In electronic appeals, the subject line should contain the name of the project being appealed. Electronic appeals must be submitted in MS Word or Rich Text Format (.rtf).

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