Dear Interested Public,

Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA)
30-Day Opportunity to Comment

The Limekiln and Shaw Mountain Sheep & Goat Allotments and the Kelly Mountain-Greenhorn Cattle & Horse Allotment Proposed Action Report is available for public review and comment.

In November, 2012, we introduced a proposal on the Ketchum Ranger District to authorize livestock grazing on the Limekiln and Shaw Mountain Sheep & Goat Allotments and to eliminate livestock grazing on the Kelly Mountain-Greenhorn Cattle & Horse Allotment, but to allow trailing (for purposes of ingress and egress) on approximately 153 acres of it.

A Proposed Action Report has been prepared and is available to the public. You can obtain a copy of the Report at the Ketchum Ranger Station (206 Sun Valley Road). The Report is also available on the Sawtooth National Forest webpage: http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/sawtooth/landmanagement/projects. Scroll down the page to the Limekiln and Shaw Mountain Sheep & Goat Allotments and the Kelly Mountain-Greenhorn Cattle & Horse Allotment Project link.

A Compact Disc (CD) version or paper copy of the Report will also be provided to you upon request – please contact the Ketchum Ranger Station via telephone: (208) 622-5371, or e-mail: comments-intermtn-sawtooth-ketchum@fs.fed.us; or by postal service mail at: Ketchum Ranger Station; P.O. Box 2356; Ketchum, ID  83340

The purpose of this 30-day “Notice of Proposed Action” comment period is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on a Proposed Action prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. All comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this Proposed Action and will be available for public inspection. In addition, submission of comments during this period is required to establish appeal eligibility.

Comment Process
Written, facsimile, hand delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice of the Proposed Action in the Idaho Mountain Express newspaper based in Ketchum, Idaho. The publication date in the Idaho Mountain Express is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this proposal. You should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.
It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period in accordance with 36 CFR 215. Those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the regulations. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide the following information:

1. Name and Address;
2. Title of the proposed action;
3. Specific comments on the proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision;
4. Signature or other verification of identity upon request; identification of the individual or organization who authored the comment(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility;
5. For multiple names or multiple organizations, a signature must be provided for the individual authorized to represent each organization, or for each individual that wishes to have appeal eligibility, and
6. Individual members of organizations must submit their own comments to meet the requirements of appeal eligibility as an individual; comments received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only.

Written comments must be submitted to:

Ketchum Ranger Station
P.O. Box 2356
Ketchum, ID 83340

Comments may be submitted to the Ketchum Ranger Station office via telephone at (208) 622-5371 or in person. Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to: comments-intermtn-sawtooth-ketchum@fs.fed.us.

Further information about this proposal can be obtained from Robert Garcia, Project Leader, at 622-5371.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kurt J. Nelson

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