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Shoshone County, Idaho  
and  
Lolo National Forest  
Superior Ranger District  
Mineral County, Montana

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNFs) and Lolo National Forest (LNF) have announced availability of the **Lookout Pass Ski Area Expansion Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Draft Record of Decision (ROD)**. The documents can be reviewed and downloaded at the project website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43757>. The proposed project is located approximately 12 miles east of Wallace, Idaho on National Forest System lands within Shoshone County, Idaho and Mineral County, Montana.

The EIS was prepared to disclose the anticipated environmental effects of a proposal from Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area (Lookout Pass) to expand its special use permit to upgrade and develop new lifts, ski terrain, parking, access roads, and guest service facilities. The Draft ROD describes the draft decision to implement Alternative 2 with modifications as the Selected Alternative.

This project is subject to review and objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218 regulations. A written objection, including attachments, must be submitted to the reviewing officer within 45 calendar days following publication of this legal notice of the objection period in the Coeur d'Alene Press, which is the newspaper of record. It is the objector's responsibility to

ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Objectors should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

The following address should be used for objections sent by regular mail, private carrier, or hand delivery: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, Building 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronic objectives must be submitted by email to [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us), with "Lookout Project" typed in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or rich text format (.rtf). The telephone number for faxed objections is (406) 329-3411.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d), and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

The objection must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 218.8(d), and include the following information:

- The objector's name and address, with a telephone number or email address, if available;

- A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection);

- When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request);

- The name of the project being objected to, the name and title of the responsible official, and the name of the national forest and ranger district on which the project will be implemented;

- A description of those aspects of the project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the project and, if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; and supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider;

- A statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity for formal comment.

Incomplete responses to these requirements make review of an objection difficult and are conditions under which the reviewing officer may set aside an objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218.10. If no objections are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on but not before the fifth business day following the end of the objection filing period (36 CFR 218.12), depending on the availability of funding.

When objections are filed, approval of project activities will not occur until the pre-decisional review process is complete and a final Record of Decision issued. No decision will be signed until the reviewing officer has responded in writing to all pending objections, and all concerns and instructions identified by the reviewing officer in the objection response have been addressed.

The Responsible Official for this proposal is Forest Supervisor Mary Farnsworth (3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815; telephone 208-765-7223). Copies of the Final EIS and Draft ROD are available on the IPNF web site <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43757>; printed copies or copies on compact disk will be provided upon request. For more information regarding the proposal, please contact Project Leader Kerry Arneson (208-664-2318) or District Ranger Daniel Scaife (208-769-3001). \*\*\*\*

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