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Dear Interested Party,

The Bitterroot National Forest has extended the scoping comment period for travel management planning to January 31, 2008. Several groups and individuals requested extra time to comment on the proposed action which was released on September 24, 2007. The comment period was scheduled to end on November 23, 2007.

I want to provide the maximum time possible for people to be involved at this early stage in the planning process. Because of hunting season many people are busy this time of year and don't have enough time to thoroughly review and comment on our proposal. Please think about motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities on the Bitterroot National Forest while you are out enjoying the woods this fall. Those experiences will be helpful in providing us meaningful feed back on our proposal.

Public meetings to discuss the proposal are planned for January 2008 before the end of the comment period.

Public comments on the proposed action should be mailed to: Travel Management Planning Team, Stevensville Ranger District, 88 Main Street, Stevensville, MT 59870. Comments can also be faxed to (406) 777-7423 or emailed to [comments-northern-bitterroot@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-bitterroot@fs.fed.us).

For more information about the project please contact: Dan Ritter, Stevensville District Ranger at (406) 777-5461. Travel management planning documents will be posted on the internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/projects/> and the public can view paper copies of the maps at libraries in Missoula, Stevensville, Hamilton, and Darby, and at Forest Service offices in Stevensville, Hamilton, Darby, Sula and West Fork.

Sincerely,

For DAVID T. BULL  
Forest Supervisor

