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Date: November 16, 2007

Dear Reader,

The Skykomish Ranger District of the Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest is seeking comments on a proposal to issue a 1 year Special Use Permit (permit) for the use of existing facilities for a public target range on National Forest System (NFS) land in Snohomish County, WA near the town of Index NE 1/4 of Sec 19 T27N, R10E, W.M (See Map). The target range would operate between the hours 3:30 to 10:00pm on Thursdays and between the hours of 9:00am to 3:30pm on Sundays.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

The Forest Service has made a preliminary assessment that re-issuance of this permit fits within the Forest Service NEPA Handbook 1909.15 Chapter 31.12 Category 8: *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor, short-term (one year or less) special uses of National Forest System lands*, and is therefore excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). If it is determined through public scoping, and the analysis that extraordinary circumstances exist that would preclude the use of this category, an EA or EIS may be prepared. Under this category, the project decision would not be subject to administrative appeal under 36 CFR 215.

How to comment and timeframe:

This scoping letter and any additional information are available on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mbs/projects/>.

Electronic, written, facsimile and oral comments should be received by December 1, 2007. Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) via email to bbusse@fs.fed.us. Written comments can be submitted to Barbara Busse, Skykomish District Ranger, at 74920 NE Stevens Pass Highway, PO BOX 305, Skykomish, WA 98288 or by FAX at 425.783.0214. The office hours for those submitting hand delivered comments are 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments must be provided at the responsible official's office during normal business hours via telephone at (360.677.2414).

Comments received in response to this letter, including names and addresses where required, will be part of the public record and available for public review.


Sincerely,

/S/ BARBARA BUSSE
Barbara Busse
Skykomish District Ranger

cc: Y. Robert Iwamoto, Sean B. Wetterberg, Jamie Schwartz



Location Map

Index Sportsman's Club
Permit Area 
approximately 7.6 acres

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Index, WA

Index-Galena Road

North Fork Skykomish River

Highway 2

