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Dear Forest User:

The Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest is soliciting comments for the environmental analysis for the proposed South Fork Salmon River Recreation Access Management Project (SFSR RAMP). Enclosed for your review is the USDA-Forest Service's Proposed Action Report for changes in management of recreation resources and public, motorized and non-motorized wheeled-vehicle travel in the South Fork Salmon River drainage on the Cascade Ranger District of the Boise National Forest. The project area is about 25 miles northeast of Cascade, Idaho.

The proposal focuses on changes in dispersed camping areas accessible by motorized wheeled-vehicles in the Stolle Meadows vicinity, but also includes revisions to public motorized travel management and improving non-motorized travel opportunities and recreation facilities in select locations within the upper South Fork Salmon River drainage. The components included in the Proposed Action have existed in concept since about 2004, shortly after the revised Forest Plan was implemented. In 2007, this area was extensively burned in the Cascade Complex wildfire. Post-fire conditions required immediate changes in dispersed recreation access and travel management, which are temporary until a more detailed analysis is completed - through this effort - to support a management decision.

Comments should be postmarked or received within 30 days following publication of this announcement in *The Long Valley Advocate*, scheduled to appear on August 20, 2008. Comments submitted in writing should be addressed to the Cascade Ranger District, ATTN: Terry Hardy, P.O. Box 696, Cascade, ID 83611. Comments may also be faxed to the Forest Service at 208-382-7480, or sent via e-mail to [comments-intermtn-boise-cascade@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-boise-cascade@fs.fed.us). Please put "**SFSR Recreation Access Management Project**" in the subject line of e-mail comments. Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text or another format compatible with Microsoft Word. Hand-delivered comments will be received at the Ranger District Office during regular business hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to the 36 CFR regulations and the April 24, 2006 order issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana in Case No. 03-119-M-DWM. Each individual or representative from each organization that provides comment or otherwise expresses interest in the project must either sign the comments or otherwise verify identity in order to attain appeal eligibility.

Comments will be most helpful if they identify specific changes to the Proposed Action you think are needed, why those changes should be made and how such a change would better meet your interests. Comments received in response to this proposal, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be



available for public inspection and will be released in their entirety if requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Future notification (mailings) will be focused on interested and affected persons. Therefore, please respond if you would like to remain on the project's mailing list, even if you do not have specific scoping comments. Further information is available by calling Terry Hardy, Project Leader at 208-373-4235 or by visiting the Boise National Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/boise](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/boise).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol McCoy Brown".

CAROL MCCOY BROWN  
District Ranger