



Payette National Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

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Smokey Boulder Dispersed Recreation Site Improvement Project

The New Meadows Ranger District has initiated environmental analysis for the Smokey Boulder Dispersed Recreation Site Improvement Project. The project area is approximately 15 miles north of New Meadows, Idaho in the Boulder Creek subwatershed. Access to this site is by Forest Road (FR) #50074 – Smokey Boulder Road, which is off of Highway 95 north of New Meadows.

The Smokey Boulder road corridor is a popular dispersed camping area, and the increase in user-created campsites and access roads has led to resource damage in the area. The near by Ant Basin Trailhead, accessed by FR #50079, is highly used by recreationists because it provides the closest motorized access to the east side of Rapid River.

The purpose of the project is to reduce additional resource damage by managing and improving access to the area by grading and gravelling selected user-created entrance roads, installing 11 picnic tables, 30 fire rings, and two accessible CXT vault toilets. A few of the existing user-created sites would be relocated away from Boulder Creek to protect the stream banks of this creek.

Project activities may begin late summer or early fall of this year.

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52 Projects Under NEPA Analysis

Payette National Forest personnel are analyzing 52 proposed projects. We invite your comments on any of them. There are 9 new project proposals this quarter. The enclosed map shows the locations, and the enclosed table summarizes project information.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508) require the Forest Service to analyze each proposed project before approval. Congress enacted NEPA in 1969 to ensure that all federal agencies *study* the impacts of a proposed action and *disclose* those impacts to the public.

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If you are interested in a proposal in this Schedule, contact the person assigned to the project identified on the attached table. For questions or an address correction, please write to: Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions, Payette National Forest, 800 W. Lakeside Ave., McCall ID 83638.

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