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Winter Recreation Sites Ready on Palouse Ranger District

Potlatch, ID – Palouse Divide Nordic Ski Trails are now groomed and available for winter sports enthusiasts.

According to Palouse District Recreation Staff Jennifer Hensiek, the trails were previously ungroomed because of equipment failures.

Palouse Divide is located approximately 40 miles north of Moscow on the Palouse Divide. It features 9 miles of groomed trail for traditional cross-country skiing and 5 miles of skate ski trails. The area features opportunities for winter sports enthusiasts of all experience levels.

Skiers can pick up a brochure, complete with a map, on-site.

Hensiek also reported that the Elk River cross-country ski trail located near Elk River is also open for visitation. It features 6 miles of cross-country ski trail for skiers of various levels.

Snowshoeing opportunities are available at the two winter recreation sites.

Both the Palouse Divide and Elk River sites are "Park n' Ski" locations. Weekend and annual passes are available from the Palouse Ranger District office in Potlatch, the Elk River Lodge in Elk River, and Hyperspud Sports in Moscow.

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