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Idaho roadless rule meetings scheduled

Orofino, ID– Public meetings regarding the proposed rule for managing Idaho’s roadless areas are set for north central Idaho the week of January 28.

Last month the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service announced the release of a draft rule outlining protections and management for inventoried roadless areas in Idaho. The draft is based on the state of Idaho’s petition submitted to the Forest Service in the fall of 2006, first tendered by Governor James Risch and endorsed by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter.

Meeting dates and times are as follows:

Date	City	Location	Address	Time
January 28, 2008	Orofino	Clearwater County Courthouse	150 Michigan Avenue Orofino, ID 83544	7:00 PM
January 29, 2008	Lewiston	Red Lion Hotel	621 21 st Street Lewiston, ID 83501	7:00 PM
January 30, 2008	Grangeville	Super 8 Motel	801 SW 1st Street Grangeville, ID 83530	7:00 PM

The meetings will be opened by local county commissioners, and will include presentations about the proposed rule made by representatives of the Forest Service and state of Idaho. Public comment will follow a question-and-answer period.

A 90-day comment period regarding the proposed rule and the draft environmental impact statement will end April 7, 2008. Comments may be sent via email to IDcomments@fsroadless.org or submitted via the world wide web/Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Roadless Area Conservation-Idaho, P.O. Box 162909, Sacramento, CA 95816-2909, or via facsimile to 916-456-6724.

Information on the proposed rule and draft EIS is available at <http://roadless.fs.fed.us/idaho.shtml>.

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