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### **Open houses scheduled to discuss proposed Upper Lochsa Land Exchange**

*Orofino, ID*—Three open house style meetings have been scheduled to provide information about the proposed Upper Lochsa Land Exchange.

The meetings are scheduled Monday, November 17, at the Elk River Community Center; Tuesday, November 18, at the Moscow Job Service Conference Room; and Wednesday, November 19, at the Ranger Station in Elk City. Interested individuals are invited to drop by anytime between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to meet with representatives from the Forest Service and Western Pacific Timber, LLC.

The Upper Lochsa proposal involves the exchange of up to 28,000 acres of scattered parcels of national forest system lands in north central Idaho for 40,000 acres of private lands in the headwaters of the Lochsa River. The private lands are currently owned by Western Pacific Timber, LLC.

The proposed land exchange provides an opportunity for the Forest Service to place privately-owned “checkerboard” lands within the headwaters of the Lochsa River into public ownership.

Documents regarding the proposed land exchange along with legal descriptions and maps showing parcels proposed for exchange are posted on the Clearwater National Forest’s website [www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater).

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