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Ninemile District to Host Second Meeting on Resource Issues

Missoula, MT. – The Ninemile Ranger District will be holding a second public meeting to solicit citizen input concerning the future management of the Lolo National Forest from Mill Creek west to Houle Creek. The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at the Frenchtown Rural Fire Department's Station 1 building in Frenchtown.

A similar meeting last month established a foundation for community participation to address resource problems related to illegal off-road vehicle use, vandalism, trash dumping, and other abuse of National Forest lands between Mill and Houle Creek. Local residents have expressed growing concern to District officials and recreation specialists about these problems and the need for the Forest Service to adequately control or manage them. District officials said the problems have been steadily increasing over the last several years.

The upcoming meeting, like the one held last month, is intended to solicit options from the community as the Ninemile district shapes a proposed course of action to manage the area.

“We had good participation from the community in the first meeting and we will continue to build on that to establish a framework of ideas as we move toward developing a proposed course of action to better manage this portion of the National Forest, which is experiencing these resource and social problems,” said Ninemile District Ranger Gary Edson.

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