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Caribou-Targhee
National Forest,
Curlew National
Grasslands

Montpelier Ranger District
322 N. 4th St.
Montpelier, ID 83254
208-847-0375

File Code: 1950
Date December 18,
2019

Invitation for Comments Strawberry Forest Management Project

Dear Interested Citizen,

The Montpelier Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest is seeking comments on the Strawberry Forest Management Project. The District is proposing to treat 2,658 acres with a combination of vegetation management activities throughout the project area to improve the condition of the forest ecosystems. The project area is located approximately 15 miles west of Montpelier within Franklin County, Idaho. For a complete description of the proposal, see the purpose and need and proposed action within the Draft Environmental Assessment located on the Strawberry Forest Management Project Page <https://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects..>

Administrative Review:

This project will be analyzed through an EA. The District Ranger for the Montpelier Ranger District will be the deciding officer on this Project, and should the proposed action be approved, the Rangers decision will be documented in a Decision Notice.

The proposed action is not authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and is subject to predecisional administrative review process (objection process) outlined in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. In order to be eligible to file an objection, timely specific written comments regarding the proposed action must be submitted during a designated opportunity for public comment. Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to establish individual eligibility to object to the project. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. Names and addresses of those who comment and/or file objections will become part of the public record.

Opportunity to Comment:

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice in the newspaper of record (Idaho State Journal). The publication date in the Idaho State Journal is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.





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Written comments must be submitted to:

Rebecca Phelps, Project Lead,

ADDRESS: 322 North 4th Street Montpelier, Idaho 83254

EMAIL: comments-intermntn-caribou-targhee-montpelier@usda.gov.

The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to comments-intermntn-caribou-targhee-montpelier@usda.gov.

In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Sincerely,

Mike Duncan
Montpelier District Ranger

