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Greetings:

Enclosed is the Proposed Action for the Gibbonsville Wildland/Urban Interface Fuels Reduction Project. This proposed action is based on four years of analysis. Public scoping on this project began in May 2001. An Environmental Assessment was published in April 2003, and a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact was issued on October 2, 2003. The Decision Notice was withdrawn on January 28, 2004. Additional analysis was completed on Management Indicator Species and Unroaded Areas. A new Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact was issued on March 3, 2004. The Deputy Regional Forester reversed this Decision on June 3, 2004.

You are invited to comment on the proposed action. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. Substantive comments are those within the scope of, are specific to, and have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. Each individual, or representative from each organization, submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or otherwise verify identity in order to attain appeal eligibility. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project. Comments should include the information required pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(a)(3), as published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2003. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217.

Please send written comments to: Terry Hershey, Acting District Ranger, North Fork Ranger District, P.O. Box 1805, North Fork, ID 83466; phone: (208) 865-2700, fax: (208) 865-2739; e-mail: comments-intermtn-salmon-challis-northfork@fs.fed.us. E-mailed comments must be submitted in MS Word (*.doc) or rich text format (*.rtf). Comments may also be delivered to the North Fork Ranger District office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication (July 22, 2004) of the legal notice in the *Recorder Herald*.

Acting District Ranger, Terry Hershey, will consider all comments received during this period in refining the proposed action, developing potential alternatives, and making a final decision.

Thank you for your interest in the management of our National Forest lands.

Sincerely,

TERRY HERSHEY
Acting District Ranger

