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NOTICE OF AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR INTERESTED PERSON STATUS: Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests Revised Land Management Plans. Reviewing Officer: Chris French, National Forest System Associate Deputy Chief. Time Zone of Reviewing Officer: Eastern Time. On September 7, 2018, the Forest Service initiated a 10-day interested person filing period associated with objections for the revised Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land Management Plans (Blue Mountains Plans). Objections received and processed, as of that date, were made available for review. However, due to the large volume of objections that the Forest Service had to process, as well as delays that occurred in mail services, there were objections that were not made available for review during the initial 10-day filing period. Therefore, the Forest Service has now made these objections available for review and is providing an additional 10-day interested person filing period starting the day after this legal notice. If you have already submitted a request for interested person status, your original request will be honored and you do not need to submit another one unless you are interested in one of the newly-posted objections. If that is the case, you may submit an amendment to your original request. The Forest Service received approximately 345 eligible objections regarding the revision of the Blue Mountains Plans. All objection letters are posted on the following website: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=31195> A list of the newly-posted objections, as well as the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman Revised Forest Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and draft Record of Decision, are available here: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision>. Individuals or entities granted interested person status may participate in the objection resolution discussions with the objectors and the Reviewing Officer. In order to ensure objection resolution discussions are transparent, resolution meetings are open to observation by the public. To become an interested person during this additional opportunity: Written requests for recognition as an interested person (36 CFR 219.57) must be submitted no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice, and should include the following information: name; affiliation, if any; mailing address; phone number; email address (if available); the name(s) of the objector(s) in whose objection the person has an interest; and a brief explanation of the interest in the objection and any specific concerns, including a description of support or opposition to the objection. Interested persons will be invited to resolution meetings to participate in discussions about the issues raised in the objections in which they have an interest. The time, agenda, and topics to be discussed will be determined by the Reviewing Officer. Requests to become an interested person must be submitted to Chris French, Objection Reviewing Officer. Requests may be submitted by regular mail (USPS) to the following address: 1400 Independence Avenue SW, EMC, Mailstop 1104, Washington, DC 20250. Requests may also be submitted by carrier (UPS or FedEx) or hand deliveries to the following address: USDA Forest Service, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer, 210 14th Street, SW, EMC Mailstop 1104, Washington, DC 20250. The office business hours for those submitting a carrier or hand delivered request are: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Carrier or hand deliveries may call 202-791-8488 during regular business days and hours, above, to coordinate delivery of the request. Hardcopy submissions by regular mail, carrier, or hand delivery must include a subject line on page one stating: "Interested Person request regarding the Revised Blue Mountains Forest Plans." Faxed requests must be addressed to "Chris French, Objection Reviewing Officer" at 202-649-1172 and must include the same subject line noted above. The fax coversheet should specify the number of pages being submitted. Electronic requests must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer via email to objections-chief@fs.fed.us, with a subject line stating: "Interested Person request regarding the Revised Blue Mountains Forest Plans." Electronic requests must be submitted in a commonly used format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.docx). The requests will be considered by the Reviewing Officer, and eligible interested persons will be notified in advance of any objection resolution meetings. The date(s), location(s), and agenda(s) for any meeting(s) will be posted online at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision

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