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Forest Service Seeks Input on Proposal to Issue Recreation Residence Special Use Permits

Bozeman, MT... The Gallatin National Forest is seeking public comment on a proposal to reissue special use permits for 197 recreation residences. The current permits expire December 2008.

Recreation residences proposed for continuance are located on the Big Timber, Livingston, Bozeman and Hebgen Lake Ranger Districts. The new permits would become effective on January 1, 2009 and would be valid for a new term of twenty years. Only improvements that are authorized by the current permits would be authorized by the new permits.

In addition to the proposed permit re-issuance, each Ranger District on the Forest will be conducting Consistency Reviews to determine and ensure that all lots and tracts are consistent, or can be made to be consistent with the Gallatin National Forest Plan and all other applicable laws and rules. The results of this review and the comments received will help identify any changes in the recreation residence permits that need to occur prior to re-issuance.

Comments should be received by August 31, 2007 and can be sent to: Gallatin National Forest Supervisor's Office, attn: Jane Ruchman, P.O. Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59771. Comments can also be submitted electronically at recreation_residences@fs.fed.us

For more information, please visit our website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/?page=projects/recreation_residences
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