

## **Guidelines for providing effective comments on the Proposed Forest Land Management Plan**

We welcome your comments and suggestions about the Proposed Land Management Plan. The comment period will end 90 days after publication of legal notices of the Proposed Plan's availability for review, in the Ravalli Republic, Daily Interlake or Missoulian newspaper.

While we will read all comments, the ones we will consider at this time are those that focus directly on subject matter related to the Proposed Plan. We will not be able to consider comments relating to laws, policies or other matters that are beyond our planning authority. The most helpful comments would be related to the following questions:

### **Desired Conditions Component**

- Has the Proposed Land Management Plan identified the right forest-wide desired conditions?
- Has the Proposed Land Management Plan identified the right geographic area desired conditions?
- What changes to the desired conditions would you like to see?

### **Objectives Component**

- Would the objectives in the proposed Land Management Plan help achieve or maintain the desired conditions? If not, what needs to be changed and how?

### **Suitability of Areas Component**

- Based on the management area desired conditions and suitability, what changes would you suggest to the Proposed Plan management areas map?

### **Guidelines Component**

- Do the guidelines in the Proposed Land Management Plan provide technical guidance for project and activity decision-making? If not, what changes would you recommend?

### **Monitoring**

- Which of the desired conditions do you think are the most important to monitor?
- Why do you think those desired conditions are especially important to monitor?



## **Your comments should:**

1. Clearly state which Proposed Land Management Plan the comment is addressing; Bitterroot? Flathead? Lolo? All three forests?
2. Identify which section of the proposed plan each comment is responding to.
3. State each comment as clearly and concisely as you can, and include your reasons and recommendations.

Please note that all comments, names, and addresses become part of the public record and, with the exception of proprietary documents and information, are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Comments must be postmarked no later than 90 days after publication of legal notices of the Proposed Plan's availability for review, in the Ravalli Republic, Daily Interlake or Missoulian newspaper.

Comments should be submitted to:

Proposed Land Management Plan  
Bitterroot National Forest  
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For more information, please visit our web-site at: [www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/wmpz)