

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

<b>District:</b>	Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District
<b>Project Name:</b>	Murphy Water System Special Use Authorization
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<b>Scoping Period:</b>	Comments requested by January 16, 2017
<b>Submit Comments:</b>	Via webform on the project webpage
<b>Project Webpage:</b>	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50534">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50534</a>

### Project Description:

The water system includes 20 feet of 8 inch PVC pipe for diverting 0.06 cfs of ground water from a subsurface collection field. The subsurface collection field feeds a 1.25" poly line that runs from the subsurface collection field to metal collection tanks and down to the private residence. Once the line is filled, the excess water is collected into two 350-gallon metal collection tanks for use when the subsurface collection field is not producing water.

This subsurface collection field and collection tanks will not have a meaningful effect on fish or fish habitat. The water being collected is not surface flow. There is also no perennial spring. There is no connected flow to the Secesh River. It is most similar to a well only much less deep.

The water system is in place and requires no further installation or ground disturbing activities to be functional. It has not been authorized previously.

### Purpose and Need:

The purpose of the Murphy Water System is to provide a water transmission line, across NFS lands, for domestic-personal use under valid water rights while protecting other resources and forest users.

This project is being evaluated as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act as provided for in 36CFR 220.6(e)(3) – *Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of NFS lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land.*

As a categorical exclusion there are no additional designated public comment periods for this project so this “scoping” phase is the best opportunity for public input.

### Project Area:

The project location is within the community of Secesh, Idaho. Specific location is T22N R5E sec. 14 SE¼ NW¼, Boise Meridian, Idaho County, Idaho.

Figure 1. Murphy Water System Project Map

