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**Public invited to discuss Forest Plan Revision during “Coffee with the Planners”**

Kamiah, Idaho (July 13, 2018) – The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will be hosting several opportunities later this summer for the public to discuss Forest Plan Revision with members of the Forest Plan Revision Team and Forest Leadership. These open house meetings, called “Coffee with the Planners,” will be informal and provide an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the Forest Plan Revision process and the alternatives to be analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

“Coffee with the Planners” events have been scheduled for:

* POTLATCH – Wednesday, Aug. 1 @ the Potlatch Senior Center (645 Pine St.)
* GRANGEVILLE – Wednesday, Aug. 15 @ the Grangeville Forest Service office (104 Airport Rd.)
* KAMIAH – Tuesday, Aug. 21 @ the Forest Supervisor’s Office (903 3rd St.)
* OROFINO – Wednesday, Aug. 29 @ the North Fork Ranger District Office (12730 Highway 12)
* ELK CITY– Thursday, Sept. 6 @ the Elk City Ranger Station (300 American River Rd.)

All open houses will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (PDT). At the meetings, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests leadership and staff will discuss the current status of Forest Plan Revision, answer questions, and listen to the public in an informal, conversational setting.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests initiated Forest Plan Revision in early 2012. After 20 months of collaboration with the public, Nez Perce Tribe, partner agencies, and the Clearwater Basin Collaborative, the forest released an assessment in June 2014 and Notice of Intent with the draft proposed action in July 2014. Over the past two years, Forest Plan Revision Team members have had over 70 meetings with governments, government agencies, individuals, and non-government organizations. In early 2018, the forest met with hundreds of individuals at public meetings focused on Alternative Development and conducted a webinar to reach a broader audience. At this time, the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement which is scheduled to be released in spring 2019.

The Forest Plan Revision Team accepts comments on any portion of the Forest Plan Revision process at any time. To provide information or comments to the Forest Plan Revision Team, please e-mail fpr\_npclw@fs.fed.us or send mail to: U.S. Forest Service Attn: Zach Peterson; 903 3rd St.; Kamiah, ID 83536.

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