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Dear Forest Users:

The Boise National Forest is seeking scoping comments for the proposed Bogus Basin Forest Health Project on the Mountain Home and Idaho City Ranger Districts. The Proposed Action Report (PAR) provides detailed information about this project. The PAR is available on the Project webpage: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47956. Hard copies of the PAR are available upon request to the Mountain Home Ranger District.

The Forest Service is contacting interested persons, groups, and agencies to make them aware of the project and to gather pertinent feedback. We are interested in your comments about this proposal and invite you to send site-specific written comments to us. Even if you have no specific concerns, please respond if you desire to stay on the project's mailing list.

To be most helpful, please make your comments as specific as possible and submit them by April 11, 2016. Your comments will help us identify and address concerns with the project.

Comments received in response to this request will be available for public inspection in the "Public Comment Reading Room" on the project website and will be released in their entirety, if requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

How to Comment

Electronic, written, hand-delivered, and facsimile comments concerning this project will be accepted.

Comments may be submitted through the Bogus Basin Forest Health Project webpage at http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47956. To submit comments using the web form, select "Comment on Project" under "Get Connected" on the right panel of the project's webpage.

Email comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Adobe (.pdf), or Word (.doc) to comments-intermtn-boise-mtn home@fs.fed.us. Please put "Bogus Basin Forest Health Project" in the subject line of email comments. Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Hand-written comments may also be submitted to: Mountain Home Ranger District, ATTN: Scott Wagner, 3080 Industrial Way, Mountain Home, ID 83647, by fax at 208-587-9217 or hand-delivered to Scott Wagner at the Mountain Home Ranger District Office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. To be most useful in the NEPA analysis, comments concerning the project should be postmarked or received no later than April 11, 2016.

Stay Connected to this Project via the Web

To assist the Forest Service in meeting its goals of reducing our carbon footprint and to achieve a sustainable operation, we are transitioning to a web-based electronic comment system that allows all interested parties to received project material (scoping documents, updates, draft and final NEPA documents, and decisions) by email. This new system gives you direct control over which mailing lists you are subscribed to and immediate electronic access to project documents as they are posted online. It's easy, it's good for the environment, and it gives "on-demand" access to projects.

To subscribe to this new system, go online to the Bogus Basin Forest Health Project webpage <u>http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47956</u>, where you will see a box titled "Get Connected" on the right hand side of the page. Click on "Subscribe to Email Updates". When you click on that item, you will be prompted to provide your email address and select a password. When you have logged in, you will be able to manage your account by subscribing to projects by Forest, District, project type, or project purpose. You will also be able to change your email address and password. Once you are subscribed, you will receive all project information via email, unless you request hard copies. If you no longer wish to follow the project(s), simply delete your subscription.

For further information on the Bogus Basin Forest Health project or to request a hard copy of the PAR, please contact Scott Wagner at <u>swagner04@fs.fed.us</u> or by phone at 208-587-7961.

Sincerely,

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