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Forest Seeks Comments on New Trail Projects

Hamilton, Montana (January 20, 2021) – The Bitterroot National Forest is inviting the public to review and make comments on two new proposed trail projects located on the Darby Ranger District.

The non-motorized C. Ben White Trail is a 1 ¼ mile dirt trail that will provide hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking opportunities for recreationalists. It will access a network of trails in the upper Hart Bench area. The trail is adjacent to a newly acquired piece of Montana FWP land that includes a fishing access site and developed trailhead.

The motorized Cold Spring Hill Trail is a 4-mile network of closed forest roads that have been converted to trails, along with 3/4 miles of newly constructed connector trails that will be designed and managed for ATV's and motorcycles. The route provides scenic panoramic views of the Bitterroot Mountains and Trapper Peak.

To view maps of the project areas, visit www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot. Click on “Land and Resource Management,” then “Projects.” Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in June of 2021.

Public comments specific to this project and/or individual sites and resources are valuable in helping the Forest Service identify concerns and develop alternatives. Comments are due by February 15, 2021.

Submit comments to: Mark Smith, Trails Specialist, by one of the following methods; mail: West Fork Ranger District, 6735 West Fork Road, Darby, Montana 59829, Fax: (406) 821-1211, or email comments-northern-bitterroot-darby@fs.fed.us.

For more information contact Mark Smith at the West Fork Ranger District at (406) 821-1218.

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