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Land Management Plan Revision

Hello! I'm writing to remind you that the comment period on the draft Wild and Scenic Rivers inventory and outstanding remarkable value evaluation framework will close at the end of today (**May 16th**). Thank you to those who have provided feedback! We look forward to reviewing the comments as we prepare for the evaluation phases of both processes later this summer.

We have more exciting material on the horizon. I am pleased to announce that we expect to open the next 30-day comment period on **June 9** to collect your input on our next milestones: the Draft Assessment and the Potential Species of Conservation Concern (PSCC) list. The comment submission platform (CARA) will be available on the [Web Hub](#), along with options to submit via email or mail. Check out the [Webinars Archive](#) and [Meeting in a Box](#) on the Web Hub for more information on these items.

- The **Draft Assessment** is a rapid evaluation of the existing conditions, status, and trends of an array of topical areas across the Forest. This information will be used as the foundation to identify the preliminary Need to Change and launch us into the plan development phase of the process. There will be one more informational webinar prior to the release of the draft assessment: Scenery Management, tonight May 16 from 6-7 pm at this [meeting link](#).
- The **Potential Species of Conservation Concern** list the first step in identifying species of conservation concern (SCC). An SCC is a species, other than a federally listed species, that is known to occur in the plan area, and for which the regional forester has determined that the best available scientific information indicates substantial concern about the species' capability to persist over the long-term in the plan area. Comments received from you on the PSCC list will be considered by the Regional Forester, and she will provide the Lolo with a list of SCC to be used in plan development.

With the release of the Draft Assessment, and we remain committed to developing shared knowledge. In response to public requests to share more information, we are thrilled to announce a new engagement opportunity: **Draft Assessment Round Table on June 14th from 9-3pm** in Missoula, with an online option. Lolo Forest Supervisor, Carolyn Upton, will host a conversation about the draft assessment and how the public engagement strategy is going. The morning session will cover biophysical assessment topics and the afternoon will cover socioeconomic and multiple use topics. [Registration](#) and event details are available on the Web Hub.

Following the draft assessment comment period, we will work on revising the assessment, developing the preliminary need to change document, and launching into the plan development phase of this process. There will be many more public engagement opportunities, as well as additional comment periods to ensure your voice is heard!

Lastly, the summer season is a busy time for everyone including the Lolo staff. To ensure the Lolo District Rangers have the bandwidth to support the delivery of public services on their Districts, Revision Ranger Chats will be put on hold for the next 3 months. To ensure you get your questions answered about the plan revision effort the Revision Team will host more office hours. Rangers and leadership staff on the Lolo will continue to be part of the revision process, and you can look forward to seeing them at other revision events in the coming months.

I'll reach out to you via email when we launch comment period on the draft assessment and PSCC list, and to give you an overview everything else June will bring! As always, I thank you for your time and interest in the Lolo's plan revision. Best regards,

Amanda Milburn, Revision Team Leader


Thank you for your interest in the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision.

Check out our **Web Hub** (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lolo/planrevision>) for the latest information!

Please email your inquiries to SM.FS.LNFRevision@usda.gov or call 406-329-3430.

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