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Forest Seeks Input on Roads Analysis

Hamilton, Montana (July 30, 2015) – The Bitterroot National Forest seeks public input on an analysis of its road system. The roads analysis includes the identification of risks and benefits on National Forest System Roads (NFSR) as they pertain to safe and efficient travel, and the protection, management, and use of the national forest.

An interactive mapping tool reflecting the initial results of the analysis is available on the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot. This is the primary tool for the public to view the analysis and provide input. Public comments are due by August 31, 2015.

“The roads analysis is not a proposal or decision, but is intended to help inform the public about possible future road management planning,” said Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor Julie King. “We are seeking public input to help shape the analysis, but this will not be a formal public comment process”.

Any future road proposals will involve close work with local communities and the public. When actual treatments are considered including road construction, reconstruction, decommissioning, or maintenance, they will be subject to more detailed, site specific analysis and the public will have the opportunity to provide input and comments under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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