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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Forest Service has proposed specific forest management activities in an area of the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District identified for analysis purposes as the Honey Badger project area (named for geographic features in the area). The proposal addresses forest health, hazardous fuels, recreational opportunities and a number of other resource needs as described in the environmental assessment (EA) and draft finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The 52,600-acre project area is located on Forest Service administered lands east of the Highway 95 corridor, through Kootenai County from northeast of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to just southeast of Bayview, Idaho (T53N R2W, T52N R2W, T52N R3W, T51N R2W, T51N R3W, T50N R2W, T50N R3W, Boise Meridian). The EA, maps and supporting documentation are available for your review on the project website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56220>.

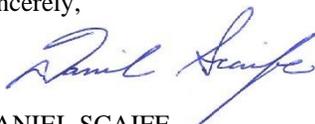
As provided for in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(1)(i), comments on the EA and draft FONSI will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of legal notice in the newspaper of record (Coeur d'Alene Press, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho). It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.25(a)(4)). Electronic comments can be submitted on the project website provided above. In the "Get Connected" box on the right hand side, click "Comment on Project" to submit your comments. Electronic comments may be submitted in a format such as an e-mail message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word documents (.doc). If submitting electronic comments please put the project name ("Honey Badger") in the subject line. Written comments can be mailed to Honey Badger Project, Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District, 2502 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. In keeping with precautionary measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the office is not open at this time for hand-delivered submissions. If you need to hand deliver your comments please call the District office (208-664-2318) to make arrangements. Comments may also be faxed to (208) 769-3062. Any comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment are considered part of the public record for this project, and available for public inspection.

The proposed Honey Badger project is implementing the 2015 Land Management Plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and is not authorized under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act; therefore, it is subject to the project-level pre-decisional administrative review process under 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only individuals or organizations who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period (such as this one) will be eligible to file an objection. I am the responsible official for this project.

If you would like to receive future updates about this project, please subscribe to electronic mailings under the "Get Involved" section on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/ipnf>. If you prefer to receive mailings by postal mail only, please contact us at (208) 664-2318, or by emailing the project leader, Kerry Arneson (kerry.arneson@usda.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this project and in the management of your National Forests.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kim Pierson, Phillip Blundell, Kerry Arneson

