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Lolo Plan Revision Scoping Leader's Message

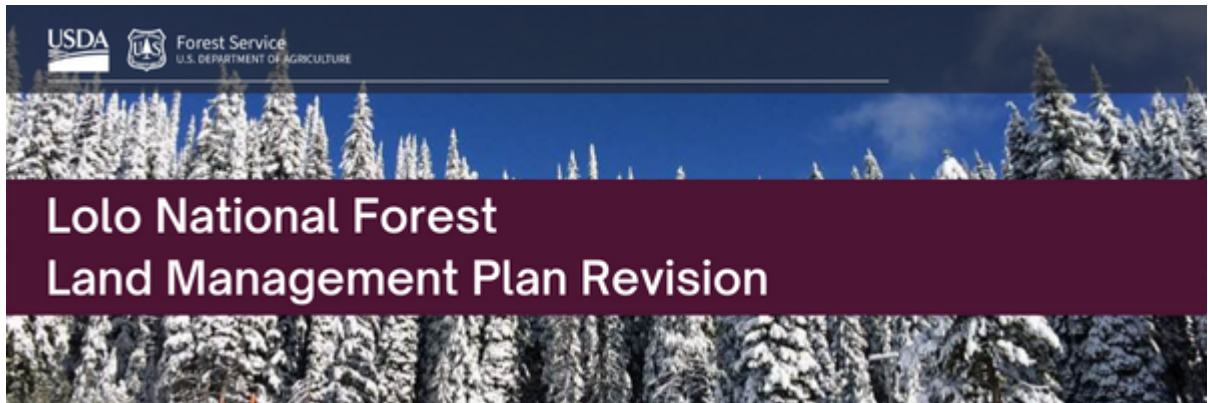
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Leader's message from Carolyn Upton, Lolo Forest Supervisor

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who is taking time to review and comment on the proposed action for the Lolo's plan revision. The information we provided is complex; your efforts to provide input is appreciated and vital to the process. I have been listening carefully during our engagements and I visit frequently with the team to ensure that we are responsive and transparent – values that I continue to emphasize through this planning process.

We are just past the half-way point of the comment period, which closes April 1, and have already received input that will help us refine our efforts in the next phase of plan revision. For example, we heard concerns that the desired recreation opportunity spectrum maps in the proposed action remove substantial amounts of existing winter motorized recreation opportunities. This was not our intent; the team and I took a closer look and discovered data processing errors. The intent was for the proposed action to approximately reflect the current condition of motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities. We have also received a variety of requests for additional information, data, and more detailed or comparative maps. We are taking these requests into consideration as we analyze all the input that will be received from the comment period and work on products for the future. To limit confusion and promote consistency, we do not plan to share any new information or data during this comment period.

I have received requests to extend the scoping comment period due to issues described above. These issues are expected during scoping – the recognition of errors in data, requests for better communication products, submission of additional information, issues, and options. This input is the purpose of scoping and does not require an extension of the scoping period. Rather, I have committed to taking these scoping comments seriously and will provide updated products, as appropriate, as soon as our team can work through the necessary processes. Our team and I will continue to engage with all of you as we provide updated and additional information throughout the upcoming months. Public involvement is ongoing and continuous.

To that end – please check back on the Web Hub soon for information about updated plan revision products and webinar opportunities for you to learn about them and ask questions. Also, we are planning on hosting events at our Ranger Districts in late spring to check in with all of you on our preliminary development of alternatives reflecting your scoping input. Stay tuned for more information, dates and times!

I am committed to ongoing and meaningful engagements throughout the entire process, not just the scoping period. The team and I will continue to listen, engage, and be available to talk with you. Please let us know

if you we can help you, your group, or your organization understand and engage with us.

The scoping comment period will end April 1, 2024. Please visit the Lolo Plan Revision Web Hub (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lolo/planrevision>) to comment using our online database, find supporting materials and information, and the schedule of engagement opportunities.

Again, thank you for your efforts on this important planning process.

- Carolyn Upton, Forest Supervisor

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!

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