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Via CARA Portal at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67534>

RE: **Deep Rabbit Fuel Break CE**

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is the duly established executive department under State of Idaho Code, with the stated mission of improving the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship. Acting under the supervision of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board, IDPR carries out recreational policies and programs of the State. Consistent with its statutory authorities, the Department participates in federal land management planning and project planning to further the public interest in recreational, scenic, and historical/archeological values.

Responsible IDPR staff manage wheeled and over-snow off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation throughout Idaho through the Motorized Trail Program. IDPR's Trail Ranger and Trail Cat Programs provide maintenance and construction, and its OHV Education Program provides OHV training and environmental education. Through IDPR's Off Road Motor Vehicle and Motorbike Recreation Funds, grants are awarded to fund trail building and maintenance, and law enforcement activities. IDPR Trail Program partnerships with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Department of Lands result in the maintenance and improvement of hundreds of miles of Idaho's extensive and remarkable trails each year.

IDPR's Non-Motorized Trails Program advocates for non-motorized trail users across Idaho.

Regarding the subject Project, IDPR wishes to memorialize its support to the Deciding Officer for issuing a Categorical Exclusion on the Project scope as defined in a February 25 public notice on the subject.

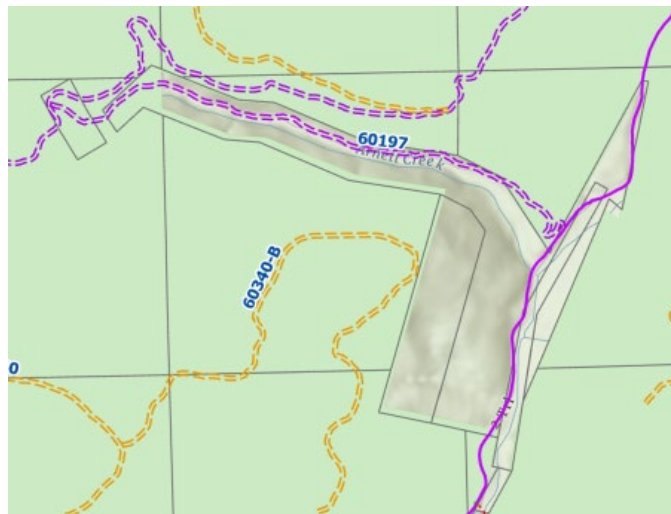
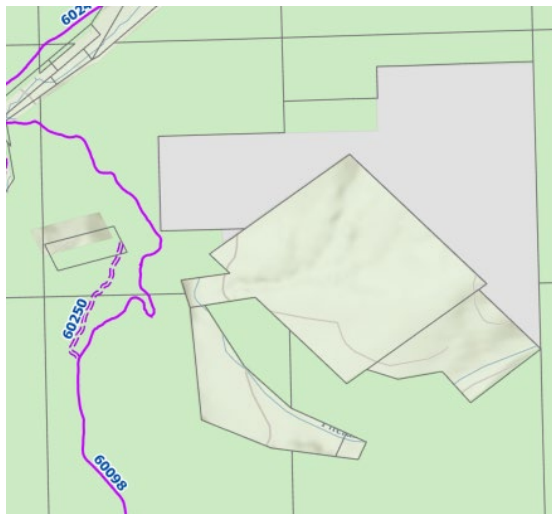
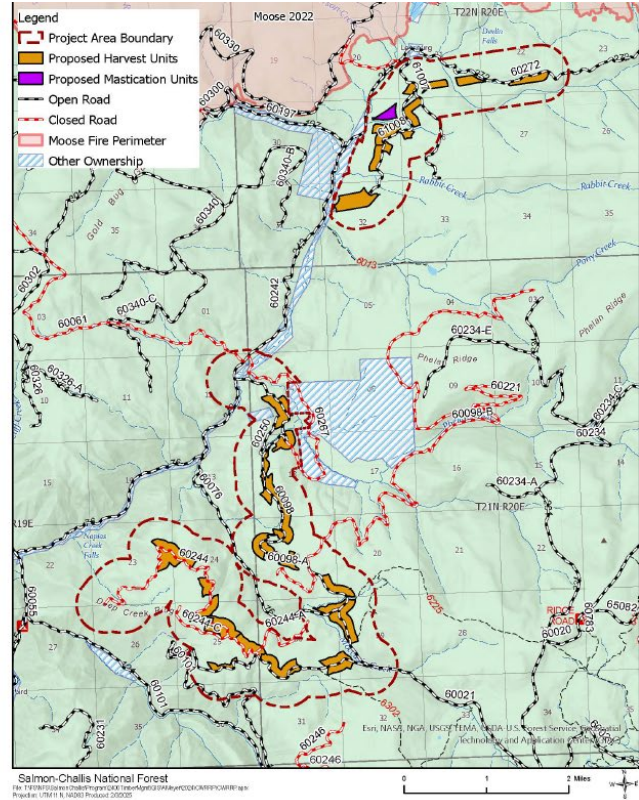
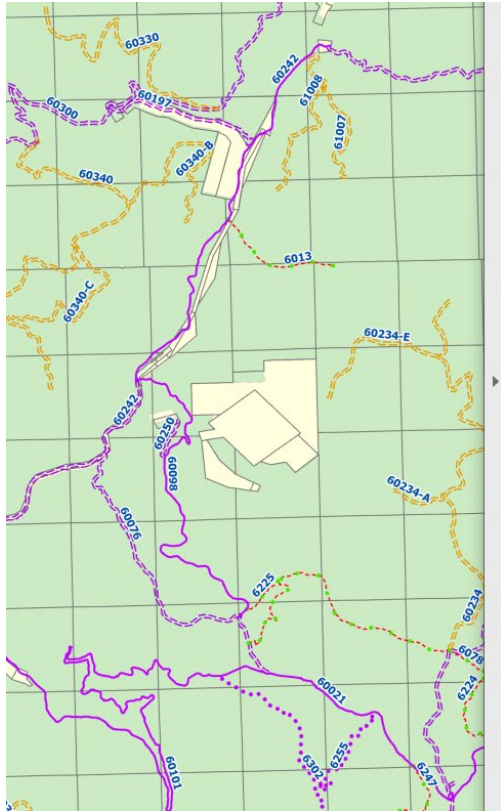
During implementation, IDPR asks the Forest to take precautions against disturbing National Forest System Trails 6225 (North Moccasin) and 6225.01 (North Moccasin Spur 1). If disturbance is unavoidable, ask the Forest to commit to fully restoring the trails after the conclusion of forestry activities. See trail map at <https://arcg.is/1K04my1>.

As with other projects IDPR has reviewed on the SCNF where inholdings are proximate, this Project's Scoping Notice contains a visible difference between the USFS's GIS layer data representing property boundary locations relative to Lemhi County real property records GIS data. Since both agencies are privy to the same recorded legal description of inholdings, Lemhi County being the authoritative repository and publisher of real property records, an investigation into the differences between Lemhi and USFS GIS data sources should be pursued. If it is found that USFS's property boundary GIS data is in error, a correction to the Scope map should be included in the Decision. If Lemhi County is found to be in error, a courtesy communication to the Recorder would be advised. See the attached page for an illustration of the detected differences between property boundary GIS datasets, and the map service URLs referenced for this analysis. Resolving the disconnect should of general benefit going forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during this public process.

Regards,

Land Access Coordinator
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation – Recreation Bureau



URLs for GIS data services consumed into ArcGIS Pro for comparison for Scoping Notice map:

https://apps.fs.usda.gov/arcx/rest/services/EDW/EDW_SurfaceOwnership_01/MapServer/0 which matches

https://apps.fs.usda.gov/arcx/rest/services/EDW/EDW_BasicOwnership_01/MapServer/0 and

Mineral surveys mostly matches the above from

https://apps.fs.usda.gov/arcx/rest/services/EDW/EDW_Tract_01/MapServer/0

All the above are out of sync with Lemhi Parcels

https://services.arcgis.com/91hXl6NfvLGEi8x5/ArcGIS/rest/services/LemhiParcels_81623/FeatureServer/0