



# WILDERNESS PLANNING

Newsletter - January 2017

## Hemingway-Boulders Wilderness & White Clouds Wilderness

### Scoping Period

The public scoping period for the draft wilderness management plan (the proposed action) initiated November 21st. The initial 45-days for the scoping period (through January 5th) has been extended to **January 31st**.

To access the draft Plan, or for information about commenting on the proposed Plan, please see the [StoryMap](#) website. This interactive site includes project information, a tentative timeline, links to each agency's project site, and interactive maps related to the proposed actions, which are further detailed in the draft wilderness management plan.

### Public Meetings

Public meetings were held in Challis, Stanley, and Ketchum on December 5th and 6th. The Challis and Stanley meetings each had 8-10 attendees and the Ketchum meeting had about 30 members of the public attended.

### Commenting on the Plan

To provide comments on the proposed Plan, please email comments to: [comments-intermtn-sawtooth-nra@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-sawtooth-nra@fs.fed.us).

Or, send a hardcopy letter to: Sawtooth National Forest, 2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Comments must be submitted by January 31st.

*"Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall collaboratively develop wilderness management plans for the wilderness areas."*

*- Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act (Public Law 114-46) Aug. 7, 2015*



White Clouds Wilderness

### Next Steps

#### Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds Plan

- Public Scoping—through January 31st.

#### Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Plan

- Plan Development (on-going)
- Public scoping—tentatively beginning mid-February

# Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness

## Early Scoping

Early scoping period (July 25-August 25, 2016) comments are available for review on the USFS site for the [project](#). Click on “Public Comment/Objection Reading Room” on the right-hand side of the page to view the comment letters.

## IDT Progress

The internal interdisciplinary team (IDT) has met several times to discuss uses, issues, and resources present within the JMJP Wilderness. Over the course of the past six months, the IDT has developed a draft proposed plan to address resources (e.g. wildlife, cultural resources), issues or concerns, and on-going uses (e.g. recreation, livestock grazing) within the JMJP Wilderness.

## Internal Review

The line officers within the BLM and the FS will be reviewing the draft Plan in January.

## Next Steps

The BLM and FS are currently on schedule to provide the draft Plan for public review in February 2017. During this forthcoming scoping period, public meetings will be held in Challis and Stanley (dates to be determined).

For more information on the JMJP Wilderness, please visit the [BLM’s website](#).

### Planning Project Websites

#### Hemingway-Boulders & White Clouds

[StoryMap Site](#)

[USFS Site](#)

[BLM Site](#)

#### Jim McClure-Jerry Peak

[USFS Site](#)

[BLM Site](#)

*“In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition...”*

*- The Wilderness Act*



Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness