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Dear Interested Party:

I am happy to announce that the Sawtooth National Forest is seeking comments on the Notice of Proposed Action (NOPA) for the Pettit Lake Creek Weir Project. The project is located on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area near Pettit Lake in Blaine County, Idaho. The proposed action is to authorize construction of a new weir and issue The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of Fort Hall a 20-year permit to continue trapping endangered Sockeye Salmon as part of an ongoing research and recovery program. The NOPA can be found on the project website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57096>. Interested parties can also request a hard copy of the NOPA by contacting Whitney Burgess at whitney.n.burgess@usda.gov or 208-727-5008.

Comments may be submitted by facsimile, U.S. mail, or hand-delivery to the address on this letter head. Office hours for hand-delivered comments are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments can be submitted by e-mail message to comments-intermtn-sawtooth-nra@usda.gov. These comments must be submitted in a format such as plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), Adobe (.pdf), or Word (.doc). Please indicate "Pettit Lake Creek Weir Project" in the subject line. Please note that comments are a matter of public record and will be released in their entirety if requested.

A legal notice will be published in the *Challis Messenger* newspaper and is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Comments will be accepted for 30-days following the publication of the legal notice. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Individuals and entities wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments are eligible to file an objection under §218. For further questions regarding this project, please contact Whitney Burgess.

Sincerely,

KIRK FLANNIGAN
Area Ranger

