

Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Trustees



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Trustees Extend Public Review and Comment Period to April 17, 2017

Coeur d'Alene, IDAHO – The Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Trustees have extended the public review and comment period for the Draft Restoration Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DRPEIS). The new end date for public input will be April 17, 2017.

The Restoration Partnership is a collaborative effort comprising the Coeur d'Alene Basin Natural Resource Trustees which are the U.S. Department of Interior, represented by the Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management; the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (Tribe); the U.S. Department of Agriculture, represented by the U.S. Forest Service; and the State of Idaho, represented by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Developing the draft restoration plan and DEIS is the next step in this particular restoration effort, which is one of the largest ever in Idaho.

“Similar to what we saw in 2013 during our scoping period, the public continues to show a lot of interest in this restoration effort,” said Chip Corsi, IDFG Regional Supervisor and State of Idaho representative for the Restoration Partnership. “It’s a good indication of how closely connected people are to the Coeur d’Alene Basin. People care, and as a result, we’ve had a number of requests for an extension of the comment period, so they will have time to formulate their comments.”

The Notice of Availability for the DRPEIS was published in the Federal Register on November 10, 2016. This officially started the Public Commenting period and was slated to end this Friday. During that time, the Restoration Partnership has conducted several presentations and open house meetings throughout the Coeur d’Alene basin. It’s a multi-agency, public outreach effort.

“People will still be able to access all the documents they need through our website,” said Phillip Cernera, who represents the Tribe in the Restoration Partnership. “We’ve put a lot of effort to make it as easy as possible for the public to access all the information they need to be aware of our restoration

efforts and to provide us with feedback. I'm happy that we've seen such interest in making our area a better place to live."

The public may also view the draft Restoration Plan and DEIS as well as make comments on the Partnership's website, www.restorationpartnership.org. In addition, comments can be mailed to the Partnership at 424 E. Sherman Ave., Suite 306, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 or emailed to comments@restorationpartnership.org.

Visit the Restoration Partnership website at www.restorationpartnership.org to learn more about this effort or the Restoration Partnership. You may also email for more information to info@restorationpartnership.org.