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Restoration Partnership Extends Public Scoping Deadline to August 27, 2013

Coeur d'Alene, IDAHO – Local residents have an additional 15 days to provide input to the Restoration Partnership on the development of a restoration plan for the Coeur d'Alene Basin. Scoping began June 13, 2013 and now ends August 27, 2013

“The public has been very effective in helping us identify issues and sharing their values with us. Scoping is an important part of the planning process and we want as much opportunity for public participation as we can. This extension will help us do that,” said Chip Corsi, IDFG regional supervisor and representative for the state of Idaho.

The Restoration Partnership was formed through a joint effort led by 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. They are in the scoping phase of the restoration planning process.

“We’ve had considerable interest by the public and we want to ensure there is ample time to provide input,” said Corsi.

In addition to the scoping deadline extension, the Restoration Partnership will also be participating in a natural resource restoration forum hosted by the Shoshone Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on August 20, 2013, at Noah’s Loft Conference Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

“We truly have seen an increased interest from people wanting to take part in this public involvement process,” said Phillip Cerna, the Tribe’s representative in the Restoration Partnership. “Having the Shoshone BOCC give us time at this forum will give these individuals that opportunity.”

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