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Dear Interested Citizen,

The Mt. Hood National Forest is seeking comments and input from the public at this time for the **Developed Recreation Site Concessionaire Permit Proposal**. The developed recreation sites are located on the Clackamas River, Hood River, Barlow, and Zigzag Ranger Districts of the Mt. Hood National Forest, Oregon.

A Preliminary Assessment including maps for this proposal is available for review at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/projects>. The primary purpose of this proposal is provide for 28 developed recreational sites to remain open to the public for their use and enjoyment, and to provide safe, clean, affordable, functional facilities in a cost efficient manner. The proposed action would place 28 developed recreation sites under special use permits to concessionaires for their operation and maintenance.

The Developed Recreation Site Concessionaire Permit Environmental Assessment (EA) is still in the process of being completed and no decision has been made yet. The Forest is requesting your comments on this project to help guide the final decision. Upon completion of the EA, there will be no further public comment period. As such, this 30-day comment period represents the final pre-decisional opportunity for public review for the project. Comments must be received or postmarked within 30 days of the date that notice for this comment period is published in *The Oregonian*. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday the comment period shall be extended to the close of business of the next Federal working day. In order to have standing to appeal a decision under 36 CFR 215, comments must be submitted during this 30-day comment period. Comments must be signed, or in the case of electronic or telephone submissions, commenters must verify their identity upon request to be eligible to appeal.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project, available for public inspection, and released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. E-mails submitted to email addresses other than the one listed below, or in formats other than those listed, or containing viruses, will be rejected.



Comments and/or requests for additional information on the Preliminary Assessment should be addressed to Malcolm Hamilton at:

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In addition, the Mt. Hood National Forest will host an open house to discuss and answer questions about this proposal on Tuesday, January 18th between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Since there will be no formal presentations at the open house, please feel free to come at any time. The open house will be at the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters Office at 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathryn J. Silverman
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Acting Forest Supervisor