

Governor's Roadless Commission



Idaho
Roadless Rule

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Idaho Roadless Rule Implementation Commission Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/31/22

Subcommittee Members Present: Jim Caswell, Michael Gibson, William Barquin, Brad Gilbert, Jon Oppenheimer, Peter Stegner

Forest Service Present: Amy Marshall, Deb Oakeson, Keith Lannom, Julie Schaefer, Chris Moyer

Members of the Public: Darren Parker

Time Start: 2:30pm MST

Time: 4:15pm MST

Commission's Intent – Keep the rule viable and useful

1. Review the background and open a policy discussion of roadless inventory and theme change.
 - a. Process discussion
 - i. Administrative Corrections, Boundary Line & Theme Change flowchart
 - ii. What is rulemaking? <http://regulationroom.org/learn/what-rulemaking>
Discussed a significant rule vs. non-significant rule.
 - b. What will be the scope/scale of this effort?
 - i. Changing Conditions – Discussed growth in communities, incursions in existing boundaries, mines, old inventories, infrastructure and expansion, and substantially altered.
 - ii. Designations - Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness needs updating.
 - c. What data will we need to inform this effort?
 - i. Current inventories of existing Idaho Inventoried Roadless Areas
 - ii. This information should be captured in Forest Planning – We don't have the authority to modify during forest planning (NFMA), but we could use some of the information from previous planning efforts with very specific goals and sideboards.
 1. Panhandle Forest (Recent Forest Plan Update)
 2. Nez-Clear (Forest Planning ongoing)
 3. Salmon-Challis (Restarting planning 2022)
 4. Caribou-Targhee (near future)
 5. Payette/Boise/Sawtooth (2011)
 - iii. Updated list/maps of Communities at Risk

1. Could be done at state level.
2. What work has the state done (Shared Stewardship Priority Areas)
3. Could we tie it to the focus on fire/reducing fuels regional priority areas and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law?

2. Determine next steps

- a. How can this effort best move forward?
 - i. Focus on where the needs are.
 - ii. What does the commission think success looks like?
 - iii. Pilot study – pick a forest to analyze, refine questions and scope