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## Dear Interested Parties:

The Boise National Forest is pleased to announce the availability of a prospectus for a specialuse permit for Emmett Ranger Districts Campgrounds. This prospectus is being issued to solicit applications for a concession campground and related Granger-Thye Concessions' special-use permit. A permit to provide high-quality public service in the operation and maintenance of Government-owned recreation facilities located on the Boise National Forest will be issued.

The Prospectus will be available for viewing on the FedBizOpps.gov website (https://www.fbo.gov) under solicitation number AG-0261-S-17-9000 and the BNF website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/boise/home. Here you will find the link that will direct you to the main prospectus document, as well as all appendices. Detailed information on this business opportunity, Forest Service concession program and policies, special use permit, application and post-selection requirements will be available in the prospectus. This website will also serve as the main source for all prospectus- related information and updates throughout this solicitation and selection process.

Detailed information on the recreation facilities and historic income are available in the prospectus. And it identifies the specific list of facilities included in this solicitation. This area is currently under concession with one special-use permit. The current permit expires on December 31, 2017. The new permit will be issued for a term of five years, with the option for an additional five year term.

The recreation site listed is a single-bid item. If you decide to submit a proposal, your prospectus proposal must be received by close of business (4:00 p.m. – central time) on June 23, 2017 and must be submitted to Cecilia Seesholtz, Forest Supervisor, 1249 South Vinnell Way, Boise Idaho 83709. A selection will be made during August 2017 so that permits may be issued by early January 2018.

Please review the prospectus carefully. Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the recreation site before submitting an application. An on-site pre-bid tour is scheduled for 10:00 am May 31 & June 1, 2017. Each applicant is expected to make an independent assessment of the business opportunity offered in this prospectus. You will need your own vehicle to tour the site.

Applicants must submit four (4) copies of their application package and supporting documents in hardcopy format. The same number of copies of the Business Plan must be submitted as a separate document. Unless requested in writing to return proposals, all unsuccessful applicant's proposals and supporting documents will be destroyed after the appropriate appeal period. Please review application procedures carefully as portions of the selected applicant's package will become part of the special-use permit.





Also, please ensure all requested information is submitted. Missing or incomplete information will result in a lower rating for the corresponding evaluation criteria.

Applications submitted in response to this prospectus are subject to cost recovery pursuant to 36 CFR 251.58(c)(3)(iii). Applicants must submit an application fee of \$100.00 to cover the cost of the prospectus and review of the application. Additionally, the selected applicant will be responsible for the cost of preparing and issuing the permit and conducting a Financial Ability Determination (FAD), unless the Forest Service has conducted a FAD on the applicant within the past year. Payments for this application must be paid in the form of a bank draft, money order, or cashier's check **payable to the USDA-Forest Service**.

For further information about the campground, the site tour or the application process please contact Danelle Highfill, Recreation Program Manager, by phone 208-373-4142, or by email at dhighfill@fs.fed.us,.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cecilia R. Seesholtz CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ Forest Supervisor