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Interested Parties

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests are pleased to announce the availability of two separate prospectuses for a special-use permit for developed recreation sites and a rail trail. These prospectuses are being issued to solicit applications for a concession campground and related Granger-Thye Concessions' special-use permit and the Route of Hiawatha rail trail special use permit. Two permits to provide high-quality public service in the operation and maintenance of Government-owned recreation facilities located on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests will be issued.

The prospectuses will be available for viewing on the FedBizOpps.gov website (<https://www.fbo.gov>) under separate solicitation numbers and on the Forests website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/ipnf>. Here you will find the link that will direct you to the main prospectus documents, as well as all appendices. Detailed information on these two business opportunities, Forest Service concession program and policies, special use permit, application and post-selection requirements will be available in the two prospectuses. 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 each prospectus, and the specific list of facilities included in each solicitation. These areas are currently under concession with two separate special-use permits. The two current permits expire on December 31, 2018. The following information is specific to each prospectus:

Route of Hiawatha Rail Trail

- FedBizOpps link <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/USDA/FS/343/12034318R0020/listing.html>
- The new permit will be issued for a term of five (5) years, with the option for an additional fifteen (15) years
- Prospectus proposal must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m. –pacific time) on August 6, 2018
- An on-site show me trip is scheduled for 8:00 am pacific time on July 11, 2018 at the East Portal
- For further information, please contact Josh Jurgensen, by phone (208) 765-7214, or by email at jjurgensen@fs.fed.us

Concession Campground

- FedBizOpps link <https://www.fbo.gov/spg/USDA/FS/343/12034318R0019/listing.html>



- The new permit will be issued for a term of ten (10) years, with the option for an additional five (5) years
- Prospectus proposal must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m. –pacific time) on August 3, 2018
- An on-site show me trip is scheduled from June 25-28, 2018. Please look in prospectus for exact times and location
- For further information, please contact Debbie Butler, by phone (208) 443-6822, or by email at dabutler@fs.fed.us

Both prospectus application packages must be submitted to Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83815. A selection will be made during September 2018 so that permits may be issued by early January 2019. Please review the prospectus carefully. Applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the recreation site before submitting an application. Each applicant is expected to make an independent assessment of the business opportunity offered in each 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. We look forward to your applications.

Sincerely,



for JEANNE M HIGGINS
Forest Supervisor

cc: Josh Jurgensen, Debbie Butler