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U.S. Forest Service to Hold Forest-Level Listening Sessions

Forest Service responds to desire for more Forest Plan Revision Listening Sessions

PORTLAND, Ore. The Pacific Northwest Region announced today plans for holding additional forest management plan revision listening sessions. Eleven listening sessions are planned so far in locations throughout Oregon and Washington. These sessions follow an initial round of listening sessions held earlier in Portland, Seattle and Redding, CA.

“We promised to evaluate the need for additional Forest-level listening sessions,” said Jim Peña, Pacific Northwest Regional Forester. “We heard a strong desire for more sessions, so we’re holding the next round at local forest locations to further our commitment to engaging with and listening to the concerns of our communities.”

The purposes of the sessions are to:

- Share our current thinking on plan revision,
- Share how science will inform the process, and
- Listen to ideas and thoughts about how to approach public engagement for forest plan revisions on each National Forest.

The Dates, Locations and Forest(s) follow:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Forest(s)</u>
April 23rd	Mt. Vernon	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie
April 27th	Corvallis	Siuslaw
April 28th	Issaquah	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie
April 28th	Olympia	Olympic and Gifford Pinchot
April 28 (tent.)	Bend or LaPine	Deschutes
April 28th	Roseburg	Umpqua
May 4th	Pleasant Hill	Willamette
May 4th	Lakeview	Fremont-Winema
May 5th	Klamath Falls	Fremont-Winema
May 6th	Stayton	Willamette
TBD	Hood River	Mt. Hood, Columbia Gorge Scenic Area, Gifford Pinchot
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Specific locations and times will be announced by each Forest as their plans are finalized, and posted on forest and region websites at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/landmanagement/?cid=stelprd3831710>

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