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Dear Interested Public:

The Ruby Mountains Ranger District requests your comments and concerns regarding a proposal to construct a non-motorized trail from Lamoille Canyon to Talbot Creek. The majority of this trail would be on National Forest System lands with a small portion crossing private lands by agreement. A general location map is included for your information. This trail will be designed to accommodate hikers, horses, mountain bikes and other non-motorized uses. The trail will be approximately 11 miles in length.

The purpose and need for this action is to provide additional lower elevation recreational opportunities in the Ruby Mountains where snowfall restricts access to many trails for much of the year.

The Forest Service will conduct an environmental analysis on this project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). As part of this analysis, we invite you to comment on the project at this time.

Based on our experience with trail construction, initial concerns for this proposed project include:

- The effects on riparian areas and water quality
- Impacts on wildlife species and wildlife habitat.
- Impacts on threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species.
- Impacts to other National Forest System land users including, but not limited to livestock permittees.
- Impacts to heritage resources.
- Impacts to adjacent private lands.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Regulations (36 CFR part 800) concerning protection and preservation of historic properties give the public, local governments, and other entities the opportunity to participate in the review and evaluation of effects to cultural sites. In addition to commenting about impacts to historic sites, certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking may participate as consulting parties in the Section 106 process. The Forest Service shall consider all written requests to participate as consulting party. We will coordinate our review of impacts to heritage resources with our NEPA review for this project.



Your written comments and concerns should be sent to Acting Recreation Program Manager Nancy Prall at the above address. Comments may also be faxed to the following number: 775-752-1799 or e-mailed to: comments-intermtn-humboldt-toiyabe-rubymtns-jarbidge@fs.fed.us . Please include "Lamoille - Talbot Trail" in subject line. All comments provided in response to this letter become part of the project record and will be made available to the public if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. This may include names, addresses and any other information provided with the comments.

The Forest Service requests your comments on this project by August 21, 2009. We also ask that you inform us of whether or not you wish to remain on the mailing list for this project. If we do not hear from you regarding your interest, we may remove you from the project mailing list.

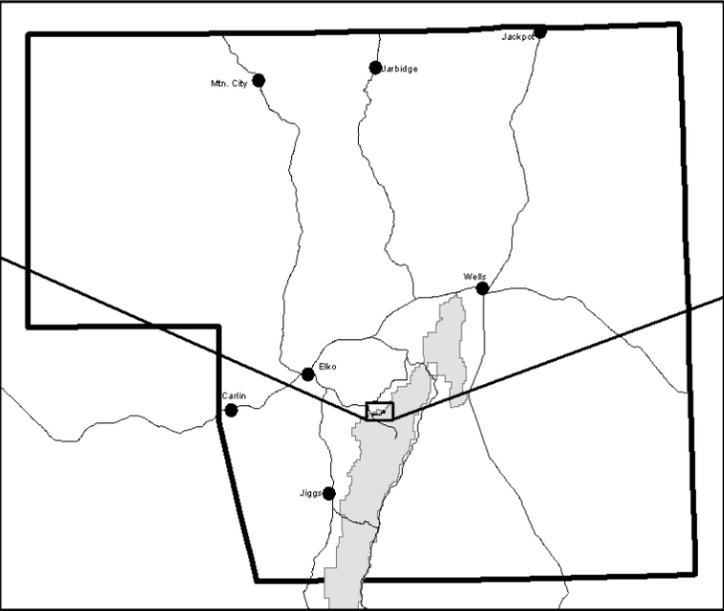
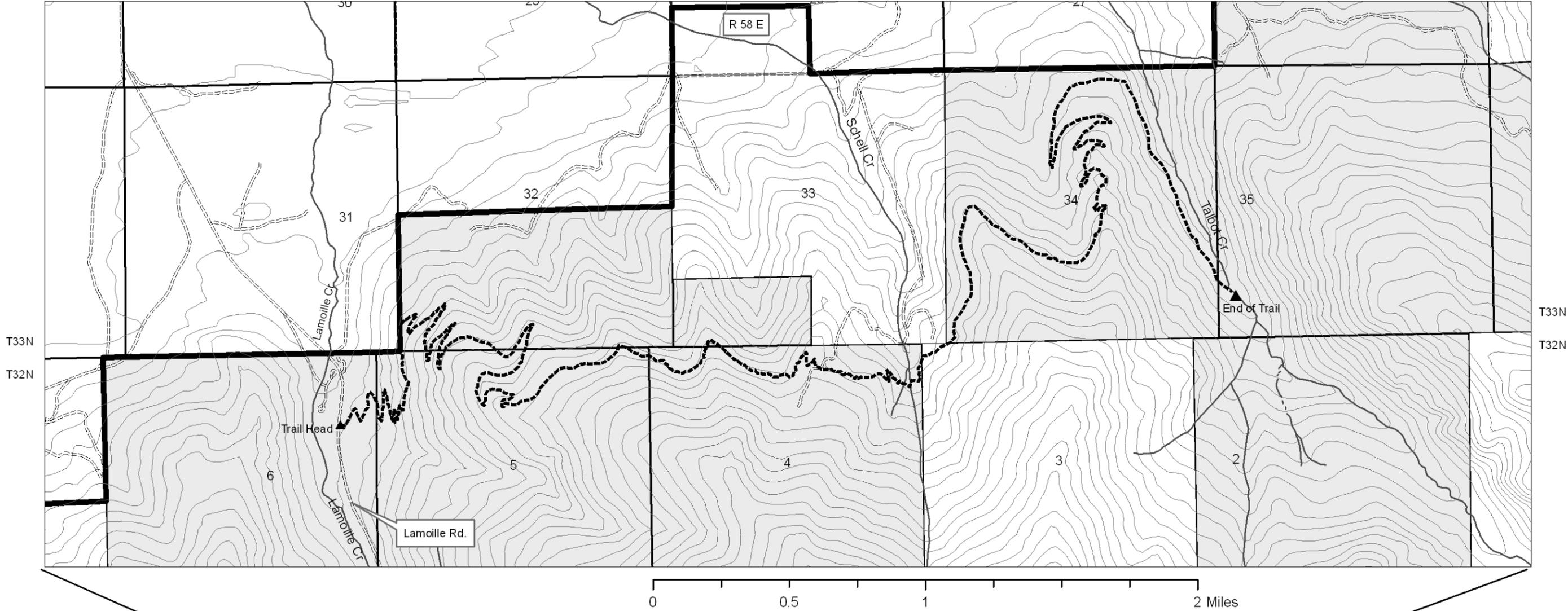
For more information on this project, please contact Nancy Prall at (775) 752-1705. Thank you for your interest in the management of your national forests.

Sincerely,

GAR ABBAS
District Ranger

Enclosure

Lamoille Creek to Talbot Creek Trail
 Ruby Mountains Ranger District
 Humboldt - Toiyabe National Forest



Legend

-  Lamoille Cr to Talbot Cr Trail
-  Non Forest
-  Forest Service Boundary
-  Forest Service



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