

Request for Comments

Scoping

Timber Creek Campground Renovation Project USDA Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ely Ranger District March 1, 2015

Project description

The Ely Ranger District will be conducting a renovation of the existing Timber Creek campground located in White Pine County. The project includes improvements to the campground roads and to the individual sites to accommodate larger vehicles and to make travel easier. Additionally the campground enclosure fence will be repaired, the parking area across from the upper group sites will be enlarged, and individual sites will be stabilized and more ADA compliant.

Project location

This site is located on the west side of the Schell Creek Range in the Duck Creek Basin. It is located approximately 18 miles northeast of Ely NV and 8 miles east of McGill NV. Located at T18N, R58E, Section 26.

Why this location?

This campground has been a popular location for many years for locals of White Pine County. In an effort to improve recreational facilities in the local area this project was proposed and funded by round 14 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) funds.

The decision to be made

The project will be moving forward beginning in the summer of 2015, with additional improvement planned for future years. This project is being implemented in a phased approach over several years.

What we have learned so far

- The campground has been renovated a number of times over the years starting in the 1930's.

- The district is planning on applying for funding for future phases of the project to make additional improvements
- All of the improvements will be kept within the existing footprint of the Timber Creek Campground

How we will figure out what to do

We will use the comments we receive and the results of archeological, vegetation and wildlife on-site surveys to determine the possible effects (positive and negative) of conducting this renovation.

How you can help us decide what to do

We ask that you think about this project and let us know what you think. This comment/scoping period provides those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to any work being done. Comments for this scoping period will be accepted through April 17, 2015.

We want to hear from you ...

If you would like more information on this proposal or would like to submit a comment, write or call:

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Public involvement in the NEPA process is essential. Scoping is performed as one of the first steps to receive input from interested individuals, organizations and government agencies including federal, state, and local agencies. We invite you to submit written comments stating your concerns and issues that are relevant to the proposed project. Comments received in response to this scoping document and from personal contacts will be considered during the analysis of this project.

*Ely Ranger District
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest*

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Comment Form

We have provided this form for your convenience.

For your information: names and individuals commenting on Forest Service proposals may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Here are my concerns, issues, and/or ideas about the Timber Creek Campground Project:

Please check all that apply...

_____ **I have information about the area that may be helpful in the decision.**

_____ **Feel free to contact me at _____.**

_____ **Please send me the final decision document.**

_____ **I have no further interest in this proposal and do not want to receive further mailings.**