

## **PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT Becker Integrated Resource Project**

The Idaho City Ranger District of the Boise National Forest is seeking public comment to initiate an environmental analysis for a nearly 20,000 acre project in the Crooked River Watershed, about 48 miles northeast of Boise. Public comment opportunities will be available May 7<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The proposal, called the Becker Integrated Resource Project, would reduce the potential of uncharacteristically large wildfires, contribute to forest restoration, modify the transportation system to improve watershed conditions, provide for a variety of recreational experiences, and support local and regional economies.

Two open house style public meetings will be held to introduce the project. Forest resource specialists will be available to discuss the proposal. The public can provide written comment at the meetings or later at their convenience.

The public meetings are scheduled from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the following locations:

- May 20 - Robinson Community Center, 206 W. Commercial Street, Idaho City
- May 21 - Best Western Plus Vista Inn at Airport at 2645 Airport Ave., Boise

“The Becker Project Area has been the focus of a variety of management activities in the past several decades including mining, fire suppression, commercial timber harvest and related road construction, and increased recreation use,” said Brant Petersen, Idaho City District Ranger. “This is a complicated proposal with a wide variety of potential activities, but the end goal is to emphasize restoration of vegetation within priority watersheds, reduce wildfire risks, and sustain resources such as recreation and wood products for human use.”