



**File Code:** 1570 (218)  
**Date:** September 3, 2019

Dear Objector:

This letter is in response to the objections filed to the Gold Butterfly Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and draft Decision Notice released by Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor, Matt Anderson. I have read your objections and reviewed the project record and EIS, including environmental effects. My review of objections was conducted in accordance with the administrative review procedures found at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and C.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS**

The legal notice for the objection filing period was published on July 3, 2019. Your timely objections were received prior to the close of the objection filing period of August 8, 2019. The regulations at 36 CFR 218.8 provide for a pre-decisional administrative review process in which the objector provides sufficient narrative description of the project, specific issues related to the project, and suggested remedies that would resolve the objections. The regulations also allow for parties to meet in order to resolve issues. There was an objection resolution meeting held on August 28, 2019 at the Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, Montana. During this resolution meeting there were no issues that could be resolved that would also meet the purpose and need of the project.

### **RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS**

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), I must provide a written response to your objection; however, this response need not be point-by-point. Based on my review, one issue required clarification; new science regarding Canada lynx, which the Responsible Official will incorporate into his analysis and record. The remaining issues raised did not warrant instruction. **The review of the objection issues is included as an attachment to this letter.**

### **CONCLUSION**

My review finds that the project is in compliance with all applicable laws and the Bitterroot National Forest Plan (1987), as amended. Once the Responsible Official completes the instruction to review and incorporate new science regarding Canada lynx, he may sign the Record of Decision.



My review constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture; no further review from any other Forest Service or Department of Agriculture official of my written response to objections is available [36 CFR 218.11(b)(2)].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith B. Lannom". The signature is written in a cursive style.

KEITH LANNOM  
Objection Review Officer

Enclosure

cc: Matt Anderson, Jeff Shearer, Amy Fox, Cody Hutchinson, Olga Troxel