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Dear Objector:

This letter is in response to the objections filed to the Purple Marten Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Decision Notice released by Kootenai National Forest Supervisor, Chad Benson. I have read your objections and reviewed the project record and EA, 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 August 14, 2019. Your timely objections were received prior to the close of the objection filing period of September 13, 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.

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. The review of the objection issues is included as an attachment to this letter and will be posted on the project website.

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,

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