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BOARD OF IDAHO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 5, 2019

Objection Reviewing Officer
USDA Forest Service, Northern Region
26 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804

RE: *End of the World Project Objection*
Nez Perce-Clearwater NF

To: Objection Reviewing Officer

This letter is Idaho County's objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and C. Previous written comments in several areas were submitted March 19, 2018. The Forest Service draft Decision Notice and Environmental Assessment dated October 2019 failed to address our concern on Economics.

Objection #1- Idaho County Economics

Idaho County specifically requested in our March 19, 2018 letter that the possible return to the 25% fund, considering conventional timber sales, be disclosed. Your October, 2019 draft Decision Notice and the Environmental Assessment on Page 16, **Economics**, completely ignores this critical consideration. This is completely unacceptable considering the likelihood of no renewed Secure Rural Schools legislation.

Suggested Remedy

The USFS needs to display what would be generated towards the 25% fund and plan for the majority of sales to be conventional timber sales. Should SRS be renewed, this could be an optional decision.

The disclosure of the 25% fund return should be displayed in all timber harvest decisional documents as full and transparent disclosure.

Sincerely,

R. Skipper Brandt, Chairman

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