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Dan Scaife, District Ranger

Coeur d’ Alene River District

2502 E Sherman Ave.

Coeur d’ Alene, ID 83814

RE: Honey Badger Project

Dear Mr. Scaife:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) reviewed the Honey Badger Project. The Coeur d’ Alene River Ranger District is proposing a hazardous fuels reduction project along the west boundary of the ranger district. The project area contains the Canfield-Nettleton Trail System. The IDPR assisted the district in developing this trail system with our Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund in the 1980’s.

The project website is lacking a proposed action report. The proposed action scoping map is detailed, but the trails are somewhat hard to see because of the symbology. It appears that there are no treatment units located within the Canfield-Nettleton Trail System and the treatment units avoid most other trails. We appreciate the project team avoiding this trail system.

Many of the roads in the area are popular recreation access routes further into the Coeur d’ Alene River Ranger District. When commercial timber harvest is occurring, the district should prohibit log hauling during weekends and holidays. This would lessen contacts between logging trucks and recreation traffic.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions about our comments, please contact me at (208) 514-2483.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cook, Outdoor Recreation Analyst

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