



File Code: 1570 (218)

Date: January 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Macfarlane:

This letter is in response to your objection filed on the Canyon Lake Dam Access Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice released by Matt Anderson, Forest Supervisor of the Bitterroot National Forest. I have read your objections and reviewed the project record. My review of your objection was conducted in accordance with the administrative review procedures found at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS

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 objections; however, this response need not be point by point. The review of your objection issues is included as an attachment to this letter and will be posted on the project website.

As a result of the objection review, I am instructing the responsible official to analyze the effects of dam repair and maintenance activities. When the analysis is complete the responsible official will provide a second objection filing period limited to this aspect of the project.

### CONCLUSION

Aside from the instruction mentioned above, my review finds that the project is in compliance with all applicable laws and the Bitterroot National Forest Plan (1987).

Sincerely,

Keith B. Lannom  
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Cody Hutchinson, Matthew D. Anderson, Amy Fox, Terri L. Anderson, Olga Troxel

