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Subject: Idaho Conservation League and Greater Yellowstone Coalition Objection to the Hooper Springs Transmission Project, Objection # 15-04-00-0034-OB219

Dear Mr. Otto, Ms. Rinaldi, and Mr. Orth:

Thank you for participating in our April 28 and May 12, 2015 objection resolution meetings. My staff and I appreciate your willingness to discuss the Idaho Conservation League's (ICL) and Greater Yellowstone Coalition's (GYC) concerns related to the Hooper Springs Transmission Project. I am pleased that we were able to reach a mutual agreement to resolve the April 16, 2015 objection filed by ICL and GYC.

As agreed to through the objection resolution process, the Caribou-Targhee National Forest will include the following mitigation measures in the Hooper Springs Transmission Project Final Record of Decision (ROD):

1. *For each mile of new road constructed on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, two miles of user-created trails/roads will be closed. The miles of user-created trails/roads closed will be completed on a 2:1 ratio based on the actual miles of new roads constructed during the project.*
2. *For each new access point to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest resulting from new road construction at least one user-created trail/road access will be closed (1:1 ratio).*




3. *The user-created trails/roads selected for closure will be prioritized to maximize resource benefits based on the following criteria:*
  - a. *Wildlife resources, including elk habitat and owl habitat;*
  - b. *Semi-primitive recreation; and*
  - c. *Visual impacts.*
4. *The above road mitigation measures will be completed post-construction, with the total miles of user-created trails/roads closed (2:1 ratio) based on the actual miles of new roads constructed for this project on Caribou-Targhee National Forest lands.*

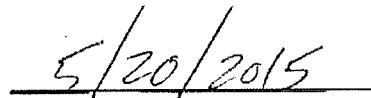
In return for including the above listed mitigation measures, and by signing this letter, the ICL and GYC have agreed to withdraw their objection in its entirety.

Nothing in this agreement will be considered precedent setting for future objection resolutions or other disputes; the terms of this objection resolution are specific to the Hooper Springs Transmission Project and are designed to mitigate project specific impacts of the proposed action.


Signatures:

  
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Ben Otto, Idaho Conservation League

  
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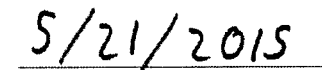
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If you have questions, please contact my forest planner, Doug Herzog, at (208) 557-5763 or at [robertdherzog@fs.fed.us](mailto:robertdherzog@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Garth Smelser". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

GARTH SMELSER  
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Attachment:  
Map Option 3A C-TNF Access Points

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