United States Department of Agriculture **Forest Service** **Idaho Panhandle National Forests** **3232 West Nursery Road Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815**

File Code: 1570
Date: January 28, 2021

Mr. Tom Partin
921 SW Cheltenham Street
Portland, OR 97239

Dear Mr. Partin,

This letter is in response to your objection filed on the Homestead Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice released by Matt Davis, District Ranger of the St. Joe Ranger District. 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 objection issues is included as an attachment to this letter and will be posted on the project website.

CONCLUSION

My review finds that the project complies with all applicable laws and the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Land Management Plan (2015). The District Ranger may sign the Decision Notice for this project. 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 your objection is available [36 CFR 218.11(b)(2)].

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Homestead Objection Response