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Dear Objector:

This letter is in response to your objections filed on the Pinkham Meadow Environmental Assessment and draft Decision Notice released by Kootenai National Forest Supervisor, Chad Benson. I have read your objections and reviewed the project record. My review of your objections was conducted in accordance with the administrative review procedures found at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS

The regulations provide for a pre-decisional administrative review process of issues raised by objectors and suggested remedies that would resolve the objections. I considered issues related to access and recreation in my review.

OBJECTION RESOLUTION

District Ranger Seth Carbonari hosted a field trip with the Lincoln County Commissioners to the Tobacco River Fishing Access site on June 11, 2021. Lincoln County objected to the conversion of 0.3 miles of Forest System Road (FSR) 7277 to non-motorized trail. This was the only objection received on the proposed action.

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), this letter is my response to objections to the environmental assessment, draft decision notice, and project record. As a result of the field trip and discussions with the Lincoln County Commissioners, the responsible official will drop the conversion of 0.3 miles of FSR 7277 to non-motorized trail.

CONCLUSION

The responsible official may sign the Decision Notice for this project after reflecting he will drop the conversion of 0.3 miles of FSR 7277 to a non-motorized trail. My review constitutes the final administrative determination of the United States Department of Agriculture; no further review from any other Forest Service or United States Department of Agriculture official of my written response to your objection is available [36 CFR 218.11(b)(2)].

Sincerely,

KEITH LANNOM
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Chad Benson, Seth Carbonari, Moira McKelvey, Janis Bouma, Olga Troxel, Rita Bennett, Cody Hutchinson



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