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Dec. 16, 2021

USDA Forest Service
3232 West Nursery Road
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
Attn: Robert Tomczak, Timber Sale Contracting Officer

RE: Support of Salvaged Timber Sale

Dear Mr. Tomczak:

It is with pleasure that we write to you today supporting the sale of salvaged timber from the Character Fire Complex, located in Shoshone County. The USA Forest Service's Scoping Letter provides a balanced approach of the recovery of the economic value of forest products, the reduction of human health and safety hazards, and the reestablishment of forest conditions as identified in the Forest Plan.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners encourages the development of site-specific Best Management Practices for fish and wildlife resources, soils, and hydrological resources in order to benefit the long-term viability of this portion of the Panhandle National Forest and to benefit the communities that rely on this resource.

Sincerely,

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