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Date: June 29, 2022

Dear Objector,

This letter is in response to objections filed on the South Yaak Fire Salvage Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice released by Chad Benson, Forest Supervisor of the Kootenai 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. In my review I considered issues including cumulative effects, soils analysis, invasive plant species, and effects to grizzly bears.

OBJECTION RESOLUTION MEETING

I conducted a resolution meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, attended by the following objectors.

- Tom Partin, American Forest Resource Council
- Greg Poncin, MT Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

We heard support for the proposed action from Mr. Partin and Mr. Poncin. I very much appreciate hearing from objectors who were able to attend.

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), this is my response to your objections to the Environmental Assessment, draft Decision Notice, and project record. The responsible official provided adequate analysis of the issues raised and provided acceptable documentation of compliance with applicable law, regulation, and policy.

CONCLUSION

The responsible official 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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cc: Chad Benson, Kirsten Kaiser, Ruth Heying, Lisa Osborn, Janis Bouma, Cody Hutchinson, Olga Troxel

