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Dear Objector:

This letter is in response to your objections filed on the Round Star Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice released by Bill Mulholland, Tally Lake District Ranger. 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 related to the National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act, climate change, aquatics, water quality, wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species, fire and fuels, vegetation management and old growth, and roads.

OBJECTION RESOLUTION MEETING

As you know, I offered a resolution meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022 to all objectors. Only three people responded out of which one, Greg Poncin of Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), planned to attend. Mr. Poncin and DNRC offered supportive comments for proposed action and coordinate regularly with the Flathead National Forest, therefore I cancelled the resolution meeting.

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), this is my response to your objections to the Round Star Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Decision Notice. 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,

Tamara MacKenzie
Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor

cc: Bill Mulholland, Michele Draggoo, Kira Powell, Olga Troxel

