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## BOARD OF IDAHO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Cheryl Probert, Forest Supervisor  
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest  
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Kamiah, ID 83536

RE: Hungry Ridge Restoration Project  
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS)

Dear Cheryl;

Idaho County has reviewed the Draft SEIS for the Hungry Ridge Project. We continue to support active management of this area as previously discussed in our April 17, 2018 and January 6, 2020 correspondence on this project.

Comments specific to the Draft SEIS are:


- As clearly shown on Map A-24, the proposed project is within three high-risk firesheds. The potential for harm to life and property including the loss of old growth and economic value is extremely high. Catastrophic fire would also allow for excessive erosion and loss of habitat for Anadromous fisheries in the South Fork of the Clearwater and downstream.
- The Idaho County Resource Plan and 2021/22 updated Idaho County Wildfire Protection Plan emphasize the need for meaningful and timely treatment to address the issues in these high-risk areas.

We strongly recommend timely implementation to reduce catastrophic wildfire through the use of Authorized Emergency Actions under Section 40807 of Public Law 117-58.

Please keep us informed of progress and how we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

  
R. Skipper Brandt, Chairman

  
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