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Regional Forester (Reviewing Officer)
Northern (R1) Regional Office
Attn: Nez Perce-Clearwater Forest Plan Objection
26 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804

RE: Interested Person Request to Participate in the "2023 Land Management Plan for Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests" ("Forest Plan") and the "Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Management Plan Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests" ("FEIS") Objection Resolution Process

Dear Objection Reviewing Officer:

Magic Valley ATV Riders Club is a Idaho Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Club. I am requesting a Interested Person Request to participate in the upcoming 2023 Land Management Plan for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests (Forest Plan) and the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Land Management Plan Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests (FEIS) Objection Resolution Process.

Objection Issues that I have an interest in is as follows:

- There is no objective for Users with Disabilities in the 2023 Land Management Plan.

- Semi Primitive Non-Motorized ROS designations setting the stage for motorized OHV closures
- Recommended Wilderness Area Designations setting the stage for motorized OHV closures
- Proposed Recommended Wilderness Areas do not meet the standards for wilderness
- No objective for addressing over 50" OHVs
- No objective for providing alternate OHV motorized access when and if a OHV opportunity is lost
- The forest service embraces the role that wildfire can play; instead the forest should emphasize active vegetation management within the wildfire crisis strategy landscape
- Closures should not be seen as hardwired responses to issues
- USFS should acknowledge that the Categorical Exclusions that apply for construction of new roads and trails. This should be included in the LMP
- The Cursory Social Economic Analysis is deficient and fails to properly evaluate the adverse impacts to local communities. The impacts to timber and livestock lacks meaningful data or analysis
- Any Recreation Opportunity Spectrum designations that designate parts or a forest as non-motorized because the areas are designated as roadless by the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, should be re-analyzed.
- Backcountry Airstrips are being closed as to only allow seven

Brief Explanation of Objection:

- Our Club has previously commented that there needs to be a plan to address Users with Disabilities. The 2023 Land Management Plan does not have any objectives nor does the Forest Service actively maintain hunter impaired access roads for those users with disabilities. Locals have provided input to the forest without acknowledgement or take action.
- Both Semi Primitive non-motorized ROS and Recommended Wilderness Area designations set the stage for OHV closures.
- Recommended Wilderness Area designations do not meet the standards of wilderness.
- Forest should be embracing vegetation management instead of allowing Wildfire to play its role.
- Forest Service needs to provide meaningful data or analysis on timber and livestock
- Forest needs to re-analyze roadless areas where semi primitive non-motorized ROS overlay.
- Re-evaluate the number of Backcountry airstrips being closed. These airstrips not only allow access for public health and human safety, but also allow for training exercises that they otherwise would not receive.

Statement Demonstrating the Requestor's previous participation in the Planning Process:

- I and Kent Oliver past president of Magic Valley ATV Riders have commented during the Forest Revision Plan Sessions, Final 2023 Land Management Objection period as seen from letters posted in the Public Reading Room.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Larson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Cc:

Honorable Senator Mike Crapo

Honorable Senator James Risch

Honorable Representative Russ Fulcher

Idaho County Commissioner Board, Skip Brandt

Idaho State ATV/UTV Association, Karen Crosby

BlueRibbon Coalition, Benjamin Burr