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Memorandum

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From: Kate Hammond, Regional Director
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Subject: National Park Service Accepts Cooperating Agency Status for the United States Forest Service Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Environmental Impact Statement

The National Park Service (NPS) accepts the opportunity to become a Cooperating Agency pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.8 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with the United States Forest Service (USFS) for the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Environmental Impact Statement (LMPR EIS).

The NPS administers the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (Trail) pursuant to the NPS Organic Act of 1916 (54 USC § 100101). The Trail was established by Congress in 1978 and is defined as a trail following the outbound and return routes of the 1803-1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition. Congress identified the historic route as a corridor based on the activities and observations of the Expedition as documented in the journals and maps through the National Trails System Act (NTSA) as amended in 2019. Approximately 30 miles of the Trail and 19 miles of the Lewis and Clark Auto Tour Route intersect the project area of the LMPR EIS.

NPS staff may be able to share relevant data with USFS, participate in alternatives development, and identify significant issues for analysis and impact mitigations as the EIS progresses. Please contact Mitchell Meyer for this process at Mitchell_meyer@nps.gov or 402-661-1812.