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Dave Casey
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Dear Mr. Casey,

I am writing to provide comments on the Lickstone Project Draft Environmental Assessment.

First, I would like to express my appreciation for the significant effort that went into producing this Environmental Assessment. The level of detail and analysis is commendable and reflects the hard work of the Forest Service staff.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to provide public comments on this project. Public participation is vital to the forest planning process, and I appreciate that the Forest Service actively seeks and considers input from citizens and stakeholders.

Additionally, I want to thank the Forest Service staff for their responsiveness in answering my questions about the project. The timely and informative responses I received were extremely helpful in understanding the details and rationale behind various aspects of the proposed actions.

While I am supportive of sustainable forest management overall, I do have substantive concerns regarding specific elements of the Lickstone Project plan and Environmental Analysis. I will address these concerns in detail in my attached comments. I hope these comments will be given thoughtful consideration as you move forward with finalizing plans for this project.

Thank you again for your dedication to managing our public lands and for considering my input on the Lickstone Project.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Holshouser