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Dear Ranger Champa and selected IDT members,

"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value."
Theodore Roosevelt

"God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But He cannot save them from fools."
John Muir

Ranger Champa, you are planning to rob the American public of their opportunity to comment on draft EAs and EISs without providing any reason to do so. At page 13 0f your detailed project description and comment opportunity document you say:

"The Forest Service does not anticipate providing an additional opportunity to submit written comments other than this scoping period."

You give no reason for this assault on the American public.

I suggest you hire someone who is familiar with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Act says this:

40 CFR § 1503.1 Inviting comments and requesting information and analyses.

(a)After preparing a draft environmental impact statement and before preparing a final environmental impact statement the agency shall:

(2) Request the comments of:

(v) The public, affirmatively soliciting comments in a manner designed to inform those persons or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

By doing this you are also robbing the public of their right to object to the North Sand project because objection points must be tied directly to a comment on the pre-decisional EA or DEIS.

I am expecting you to comply with the Act and solicit comments on the pre-decisional EA or DEIS from everyone who sent you scoping comments.

A response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,