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Thank you Russ and your team for your commitment to working with the state, and local governments as cooperating agencies on this important project for the MBNF. As you are aware the LSRCD has a long standing relationship with the MBNF going back to 2000 when we participated as a cooperating agencies on the LRMP, entered into a five year stewardship contract with the MBNF from 2004-2008, and recently spent the last couple years as a cooperating agency on the development of the LaVA project. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity and look forward to our continued collaborative efforts in the implementation of LaVA. Please accept this as our official request to continue our participation as a cooperating agency in and through the administrative review and objection period. We will make every effort to be fully engaged as that process moves forward. We look forward to the completion of the review and objection process and to the implementation of project activities. The LSRCD is committed to bringing both technical and financial assistance for the implementation of project activities covered under LaVA.

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Greetings,

I wanted to share with you where we are at regarding next steps for the project. As you are well aware, we are currently within the administrative review process with the objection filing period ending May 20th. The objection filing period is then followed by an administrative review that will be led by the Objection Reviewing Officer, Deputy Regional Forester Jacque Buchanan. Jacque intends to have an objection resolution meeting here in Laramie likely on June 12th or 13th. The format for that meeting is at the discretion of the Reviewing Official, and although the agenda has not been designed yet it will be absolutely be open to you as a cooperating agency. I share that to clarify that you do not need to file a formal objection to be engaged during objection resolution.

As the Responsible Official for this project, I want to acknowledge how important all of you have been in getting us to this point. Without your engagement and assistance we would not be at this stage where we have a project ready for Jacque to review. It is important to acknowledge that there needs to be a clear separation between me and my team (FS staff and cooperators) and Jacque's team (Regional Objection Review Team) in order for there to be a clean, legally defensible review of my proposed decision. I know that Jacque is committed to actively involving us in objections resolution to the extent that she can. Until her team has a chance to review all of the objections and

develop a strategy to respond, we'll have to wait and see how the resolutions meetings will be structured.

Thanks,

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