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Objection Reviewing Officer  
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Via Email: [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us)

Subject: Gold Butterfly Project Objection

Objectors Contact Information:  
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## NOTICE OF OBJECTION:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 218 Subparts (A) and (B), the Mineral County Resource Coalition (MCRC) hereby objects to the Gold Butterfly Project (project), proposed by the Bitterroot National Forest, Stevensville District. Responsible Officer, Forest Supervisor Matthew Anderson.

## STATEMENT OF REASONS:

The MCRC in conjunction with Industry and County Leaders, has invested significant time and resources performing site visits and developing recommendations for this project. We have followed the progress of this project and stayed involved for two years. We have watched the continued deterioration and mortality of the forest and wish to see this project move forward in a timely manner before it is consumed by another catastrophic wildfire.

We support the project's purpose and Need for Action as detailed in the Scoping and Draft Record of Decision (DROD) documents. The Proposed Action was modified to address issues raised in the public comment period and we support the Modified Proposed action selected in the DROD.

We object to any changes to the Modified Proposed Action as provided in the DROD.

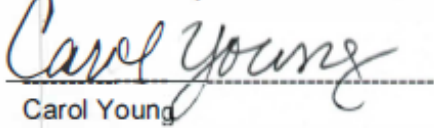
We intend to use the objection process as a means to strengthen the project record, participate in any objection resolution discussions with any other objectors, and address any remaining issues of uncertainty. We support the project as proposed and any changes that may be considered, if other objectors raise issues, may affect our current support for the project.

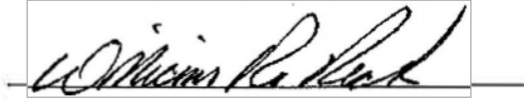
If no new relevant information is brought forward in the objection process and the Bitterroot National Forest remains committed to selecting and implementing the Proposed Alternative as described in the DROD, the Mineral County Resource Coalition would be willing to withdraw this objection in a timely manner.

- If new relevant information is brought forward in the objection process which causes the Forest Service to consider a different alternative or combination of alternatives, we ask that the Forest Service work with the Mineral County Resource Coalition to craft an alternative that addresses these issues and works for all parties. It would be our preference to reach a resolution within the objection process timeframe instead of deferring a final decision to the Objection Reviewing Officer.
- If no relevant information is brought forward and the Forest is committed to move forward and implement the Modified Proposed Action, and does not recommend any changes we would withdraw our objection.

Respectfully,

Mineral County Resource Coalition

  
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Co-Chair

  
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