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To: Chuck Mark

Subject: Directions for Forest Plan Review

As the duly elected Commissioners for Custer County, we would offer the following directions in regards to the current Forest Plan Review for the Salmon-Challis Forests.

- 1) Two separate plans for two separate forests.
- 2) Use targeted amendments to bring the current plan up-to-date. Do this by amending out what didn't work and amend in what did work from the current plan.
- 3) Targeted amendments could also include:
 - a. Travel plan review with local government (i.e., coordination) and public input
 - b. Fire management
 - c. Use suitability studies of eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers as required by the settlement agreement with American Rivers
 - d. Replace PACHFISH/INFISH 18 month interim direction with forest appropriate guidance
 - e. Accurately map and define management for roadless areas that allow timber harvest/fuels reduction and associated temporary road construction to benefit numerous resources and the Wildfire Urban Interface
 - f. Management changes that include capability, suitability and grazing capacity that were developed by Faith Ryan and permittees
 - g. Etc, etc.
- 4) Amending the current plan precludes the necessity of re visiting wilderness (which has been revisited numerous times) and complies with Custer County Public Land Use Plan which calls for no more wilderness.

Also, please take note of all the work already completed by grazing permittees and Faith Ryan before she retired. A lot of notes and work went into their efforts which showed that with some minor language changes and some amendments, the current plan(s) are workable. This work needs to be shown to the public as part of the grazing information platform.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this very important process. It is our belief that amending the current plan is the logical thing to do. Even your own Biennial Monitoring Evaluation Reports indicate that the current plan works.

Sincerely,

Randy Conzelmann For Steve Smith

Steve W. Smith, Chairman
Custer County Commissioners