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Andrew Skowlund, District Ranger
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RE: Dead Laundry Draft Decision Notice

Dear Mr. Skowlund:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation staff have reviewed the Dead Laundry Draft Decision Notice. Within the Dead Laundry project area there are multiple motorized routes maintained by IDPR and utilized by IDPR's user groups.

The Draft Decision Notice states, "52 miles of temporary roads to facilitate harvest will be constructed. All temporary roads will be returned to their existing condition **through obliteration** no later than five years after completion of project activities." In previous phone conversation with Forest Service personnel, IDPR was informed existing motorized routes at the project site would be converted into these temporary roads. IDPR requests language be added to the Dead Laundry Final Decision Notice which specifies any existing motorized routes converted to temporary roads be excluded from the obliteration process, and instead are re-established to their original designated use (ATV use 50" or less). IDPR has resources through grant monies and maintenance programs to help re-establish these motorized routes. IDPR can assist with the re-establishment process.

The Draft Decision Notice states, "Temporary closures would affect OHV recreation opportunities, and trails crossing through vegetation management units would need to be closed for some length of time during implementation activities." In previous phone conversation with Forest Service personnel, IDPR was informed the Dead Laundry project, in its entirety, would be a 10 year long project with 3-4 logging sales. It would appear access to OHV trails would be greatly affected by this project. It has been IDPR's experience that similar projects elsewhere in the state have taken 3-5 years to be completed. IDPR respectfully requests a tighter window for project completion be considered to help mitigate the affects on OHV recreation.

IDPR appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Dead Laundry Draft Decision Notice.

Thank you for your consideration of IDPR's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Trevor Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trevor Anderson, IDPR Collaborative Coordinator