February 19, 2023

Attention: Thad Berrett, District Ranger 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, WY 82834

Pole Creek Vegetation Management Project

In our opinion the Pole Creek Vegetation Project will have a negative impact on the Pole Creek ski area. The Pole Creek ski winter recreation area should be kept out of the proposed Pole Creek Vegetation Management Project.

The Pole Creek ski area is a 50-year old ski trail system that is heavily used by young and old winter recreation enthusiasts. The Pole Creek 50-year old ski trail system has been a great source of pleasure to our families for the last 35 years. I took my children to the Pole Creek ski trails when they were young and now my grown children are taking my grandchildren to the Pole Creek ski trails to create new memories.

We believe the Pole Creek ski trail system will be degraded from the proposed Pole Creek Vegetation Management clear cutting action, however, we are not opposed to hand thinning which is always a benefit to improve the health of our Bighorn National Forest.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our input.

Sincerely, Roy Holt and Genger Holt

Ray and Ginger Holt