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RE: Objection to the Revised Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice for the South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan.

Dear Objection Reviewing Officer;

We are the owners of the Fritser ranch which is an historic private ranch that was homesteaded by our grandfather Harrison Fritser in 1898. Our ranch has stayed within our family ownership and we are considered an inholding property surrounded by the Payette National Forest. (PNF) For the past 18 years we have been working with the PNF to restore reasonable access to our ranch property. The full-sized vehicle access to our property (Davis Ranch Road) washed out in 1996/1977 and was subsequently closed by the PNF.

We now access our ranch property by using the 3 mile long Hamilton Bar Road with full size vehicles where we park at the end of this road, and then walk 5 miles using Trail #76 and Trail #77 along the West side of the South Fork of the Salmon River. The Hamilton Bar Road is closed to the public for full-size vehicle use...but we have a Temporary Special Use Permit to use this road, behind the locked gate, for full size vehicles because it is the only way we can access our ranch property.

Here is the essence of our Objection to the Revised Environmental Assessment and Draft Decision Notice for the South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan, as follows:

1. We, the Forrey's, are currently responsible for maintenance of the Hamilton Bar Road behind the locked gate to the end of the road. It is proposed that four entities will now be allowed to use full size vehicles on this road behind the locked gate...two separate property owners, Native Americans and the USFS/PNF for administrative use. Four separate users. We object that one entity (the Forrey's) are responsible for road maintenance behind the gate. We desire a partnership approach so annual road maintenance costs are shared among the four entities that will be using this road. A partnership approach is fair. The Forrey's request a long-term Special Use Permit to keep using this road.

2. At the Hamilton Bar Road locked entrance gate, there must be a large, permanent sign to notify the public not to park in front of the gate, because property owners, and others, use this road (By Special Use Permit) as an access road to their private property.

3. USFS/PNF Trail #76 and Trail #77 along the West side of the South Fork of the Salmon River must be upgraded and improved to a safe condition to allow loaded pack horse/mule use plus motorcycle and pedestrian use from the end of Hamilton Bar Road to the Fritser Ranch property. We participated in a recent Trail Audit with PNF managers and they agreed that this 5-mile-long trail along the West side of the river, needed improvements

for safe pedestrian, motorcycle, and pack animal use...plus prevention of slides and washouts to protect anadromous fish and improve water quality.

The remedy is to incorporate these three solutions into your final "SFRAMP" decision. Thank you.