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Comments: This letter is our objections to the South fork RAMP.

We are property owners in Big Creek and are very concerned the proposed action will have overwhelming negative impacts on the Village of Yellow Pine. Since purchase of land in Big Creek & construction of a second residence in Big Creek we have depended on having access to basic resources in Yellow Pine. We have relied on Yellow Pine businesses for food supplies, fuel, emergency services, back hoe work such as septic systems and overflow lodging. Currently Yellow Pine is having difficulty keeping those businesses open, and the proposed project is going to make things worse by decreasing recreation in the South Fork Area. At this point in time Recreation is the only significant source of business in the east side of the Payette National Forest. Traditional forest based business activity such as logging, actual mining, livestock grazing and trapping are practically nonexistent on the east side of the Payette National Forest. Currently the businesses in Yellow Pine are fundamentally dependent on recreation (both motorized & non motorized) and Forest Fires to stay open; however, we certainly don't support Forest Fires as a way to help the Yellow Pine economy. The negative impact of this project to the Yellow Pine Economy is not adequately covered in the EA.

We have reviewed the objections provided by Merrill Saleen, and wish to add some of his specific objections to our objections as follows:

Effectiveness of planned actions.

Landscape Level Fire Impacts.

Minimum Road System.

Loss of Roaded Dispersed Camp Sites.

Impacts to Local Economy.

Thanks for considering our objections,

Chris & Lois Schwarzhoff