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Comments: Dear Objection Reviewing Officer:

Please accept these comments to the Draft Record of Decision ("DROD") for the Ashley National Forest Management Plan. The Responsible Official is Kevin Wright, Forest Supervisor. This comment is submitted on behalf of BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), including BRC's individual and organizational members who have enjoyed, and plan in the future to enjoy, access to the Dixie National Forest.

This comment is submitted in accordance with 36 C.F.R. part 218. BRC filed comments on the Dixie National Forest EA raising the stated issues or otherwise providing a basis for this objections. The point of contact for this objection is Simone Griffin, please direct all communication regarding these objections to Simone Griffin at PO Box 5449 Pocatello, ID 83202. We formally request to be present in any resolution meeting in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 218.11. We hereby authorize, indeed encourage, the Reviewing Officer to extend the time for a written response to objections, particularly if it will facilitate a thorough effort to explore opportunities to resolve objections. See, 36 C.F.R. § 218.26(b).

I. Interest of the Objector

BRC has a unique perspective and longstanding interest in motorized vehicle use in the Dixie National Forest. BRC is a nonprofit corporation that champions responsible recreation and encourages individual environmental stewardship. BRC members use various motorized and nonmotorized means to access public lands and waters, specifically including use of the Dixie National Forest. BRC has a long-standing interest in the protection of the values and natural resources addressed in this process, and regularly works with land managers to provide recreation opportunities, preserve resources, and promote cooperation between public land visitors.

BRC submits this objection letter in order to support the Forest Service decision to move forward with the proposed alternative. BRC supports active management of the Dixie National Forest and looks forward to being a productive partner in management of the forest and educating the public and our members.