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Comments: As stated in my comment letter 17003 I stated that the mountain goat population in Idaho seems to be declining as demonstrated by the continuing decline in goat populations statewide. There are mountain goats living near the project area.

The Forest Service responded by stating that even though there are mountain goats living in the area that they were not considered a TEPC [?] or sensitive species under the Payette Forest Plan.

This is inadequate because the the Forest Service stated that mountain goats would not be affected by the plan even though they did not do any analysis of any kind on the effect of the project on the nearby mountain goat population.

The remedy for this violation is for the Forest Service to withdraw the FEIS and DROD and not issue any decision or take any action based on the inadequate FEIS. The Forest Service must not take any action until a revised FEIS and revised DROD demonstrate full compliance with each and every law, regulation, policy, Treaty, and requirement noted. The Regional Forester must withdraw the FEIS and DROD with instructions to the Payette National Forest to correct all errors noted before approving or taking actions.