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Dear Caleb:

This letter is our response to the recommendations provided to the Forest Service by the Big Creek-Yellow Pine - South Fork Salmon River collaborative group and recommendations from the Forest Service interdisciplinary team.

We appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the collaborative group process and to have shared with the group the access issues concerning our private property, known as the Fritser Ranch located on the South Fork of the Salmon River in Valley County. During the process we had the opportunity to consider, discuss, and agree or disagree on many issues brought forth to the collaborative. Two of the goals of this collaborative included A) To provide access to private property and (B To provide recreational opportunities for the public.

The opportunity for public comment document states, "Motorized actions may include: Reconstruct Trail #076 on the old Davis Ranch Road from Elk Creek to the private property in T 20 N, R7E, Section 20 (known as the Willey or Davis Ranch) to pack and saddle standards and allow ATV access to private land under a special use permit."

After much consideration and thought reflecting on goals A and B of the collaborative, we offer the following comments:

1. We support rehabilitation of the Davis Ranch Road from Elk Creek to the Fritser Ranch and the Ritland Property (Davis Ranch) to motorized access by ATV. This would re-establish reasonable access to the private properties beyond the 2-wheel motorized and non-motorized trail access that currently exits.

2. The rehabilitated Davis Ranch Road from Elk Creek to the Fritser and Ritland properties should be open to the public. As property owners we are not opposed to public access on this road. Historically, it has always been open to the public. It would provide recreational opportunities for the public as well as access to private properties.

3. We believe there are multiple public/private agencies that could support and help with the rehabilitation of this road. This area is being considered as "Recommended Wilderness". Our understanding is that the Management Guidelines allow motorized access if it had exited in the past.

4. By rehabilitation of the Davis Ranch Road (#076) to motorized access to private property owners and the public, reasonable access to private properties as well as a recreational opportunity for the public would become available along the river corridor from Hamilton Bar to Elk Creek. A cable crossing would be re-established to connect the public use of the Davis Ranch Road (Trail #076) and the public 2-wheeled motorized Trail #077.

5. Until the Davis Ranch Road is rehabilitated for motorized use, we will continue to use the Hamilton Bar Road with full sized vehicle access to reach our property.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments to the Payette National Forest for consideration. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

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