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susan.james@usda.govFebruary 24, 2023RE: Sawtooth National Recreation Area Outfitter and Guide

Management Plan ObjectionObjector (36 CFR 219.54(c)(1))Susan E. Buxton, DirectorIdaho Department of Parks

& Recreation**PII REDACTED** (a) Project, Plan (36 CFR 219.54(c)(4)) [middot] Outfitter and Guide

Management Plan, EA and DN/FONSI [middot]

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57197> [middot] Responsible Official (36 CFR 219.54(c)(4)) Jake

Strohmeyer, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor [middot] Project Location [middot] USDA Forest Service

Sawtooth National Forest, Sawtooth National Recreation Area (Blaine, Boise, Custer, Elmore Counties) [middot]

NOTICE The Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation files this objection to the Sawtooth

National Recreation Area Outfitter and Guide Management Plan draft decision (OGMP) and Final Environmental

Assessment (EA) per the procedures described in 36 CFR 219, Subpart B. State of Idaho Department of Parks

and Recreation BRAD LITTLE Governor SUSAN E. BUXTON Director [middot] ELIGIBILITY TO OBJECT The State

submitted comment on the Draft EA and Outfitter-Guide Management Plan published in Legal Notice dated June

30, 2022. The State also enjoys the privileges granted it pursuant to the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between: The U.S.D.I., BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES

LICENSING BOARD and USDA, FOREST SERVICE NORTHERN, INTERMOUNTAIN AND PACIFIC

NORTHWEST REGIONS. The State and State Agencies therefore have standing in this issue. Dear Objection

Reviewing Officer, The Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation has reviewed the US Forest Service's

(USFS) proposed Sawtooth National Recreation Area Outfitter and Guide Management Plan (Plan) Draft Decision

Notice and FONSI published in Legal Notice dated January 12, 2023. As Idaho's lead State agency for promoting

recreation, it is our responsibility to work toward the interests of the recreating public who will be affected by the

implementation of the Proposed Actions contained in the Environmental Assessment for the Plan. Our State has

provided prior comments to this matter on August 22, 2022, copy attached. We are providing a formal objection to

propose SNRA Outfitter and Guide Management Plan due to the following unresolved issues brought to the

attention of FS in the State's previous Comment: [bull] "One-time amendments" not addressed in Draft EA

Recreation Report (Page 18, Element A26, Design Elements). [bull] Project Title (all documents) still does not

reflect "Land Based" nature of Plan. [bull] A lack of coordination and consultation with the State pursuant to FS-

BLM-OGML-MOU. [bull] A lack of any meaningful analysis of the negative Socio-Economic impact(s) of

the proposed changes on our affected communities. Proposed Resolution: The Idaho Department of Parks &

Recreation would appreciate the opportunity meet with the Reviewing Officer to discuss its objections in detail,

toward representation of the State's and its peoples' interests in formulating any resolution(s). We look forward to

formal response and further opportunities to provide meaningful input. Sincerely, Susan E. Buxton,

Director (Signature per 36 CFR 219.54(c)(2))