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Via CARA portal: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=235401>

RE: Project 235401, Twin Peaks Trail Designation, Categorical Exclusion

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is the duly established executive department under State of Idaho Code, with the stated mission of improving the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship. Acting under the supervision of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board, IDPR carries out recreational policies and programs of the State. Consistent with its statutory authorities, the Department participates in federal land management planning and project planning to further the public interest in recreational, scenic, and historical/archeological values.

Responsible IDPR staff manage wheeled and over-snow off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation throughout Idaho through the Motorized Trail Program. IDPR's Trail Ranger and Trail Cat Programs provide maintenance and construction, and its OHV Education Program provides OHV training and environmental education. Through IDPR's Off Road Motor Vehicle and Motorbike Recreation Funds, grants are awarded to fund trail building and maintenance, and law enforcement activities. IDPR Motorized Trail Program partnerships with US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, and stakeholder volunteer organizations, result in the maintenance and improvement of hundreds of miles of Idaho's extensive and remarkable trails each year.

IDPR's Non-Motorized Trails Program advocates for non-motorized trail users across Idaho.

Regarding proposed project, IDPR states the following:

The Agency offers its full support for the efforts undertaken by the Salmon-Challis National Forest to designate NFS Road 60413-E from a closed administrative route to a motorized trail open to all vehicles.

This route already exists on the ground from established use by the local grazer and previous landowner at Twin Peaks. Opening this route to the general public will help allow for connectivity from Twin Peaks State Park to the myriad of surrounding recreation opportunities on USFS lands.

This designation will also provide a critical link from Twin Peaks to the nearby community of Salmon. This will in turn provide economic benefit of the community as well as the larger, surrounding county as state park visitors are able to legally connect to the community on off-highway vehicles that may not be suitable on US Highway 93.

While there will be minimal (if any) need for on-the-ground maintenance to the route to open it to the public, IDPR would offer any and all trail maintenance resources necessary to ensure the project is successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute during the comment period ending March 27, 2026.

Regards,

Land Access Coordinator

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