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Comments: Dear Reviewing Officer Stewart:

Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics (FSEEE) objects to the Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (Draft DN/FONSI) for the SUHFER Project (see attached objection letter). A twenty-year, 267,300-acre authorization is being issued on an analysis that defers the spatial facts driving its effects, rests its significance finding on design features that changed after public comment, and in several places says one thing to the public and another in its own technical reports.

FSEEE does not ask the Reviewing Officer to resolve a scientific dispute. Each objection rests on the agency's own reports, its own Plan, its own responses to comment, or a comparison of two documents in the Reviewing Officer's own office. At stake are ninety miles of Outstanding Waters, fens that will not re-form in a human lifetime, 22,210 acres of Colorado Roadless Area, and critical habitat for one of North America's rarest grouse. FSEEE appreciates the care taken with its April comments and asks that the discrepancies identified here be resolved before a decision issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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