Forest Service Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office

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Date: January 5, 2023

Yvette K. Converse Field Supervisor Utah Ecological Services Field Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2369 W. Orton Circle, West Valley City, UT 84119

Dear Ms. Converse:

We appreciate your staff's review time on our Biological Assessment for our Forest Plan Revision effort. We are especially grateful for the turnaround time given current staffing challenges and working through the holiday season on this. Enclosed is the final Biological Assessment that our staffs consulted on. Again, we appreciate our productive working relationship and thank you for helping us get closer to a Decision on our Forest Plan Revision Environmental Impact Statement.

Thanks again and we look forward to further communications on other project-level

consultations.

Sincerely,

SUSAN EICKHOFF Digitally signed by SUSAN EICKHOFF Date: 2023.01.05 13:56:40 -07'00'

SUSAN EICKHOFF Forest Supervisor The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concurs with your determination that the proposed action *may affect, and is not likely to adversely affect*:

Species: Canada lynx, Mexican spotted owl, Ute ladies'-tresses, wolverine

Critical Habitat:

The proposed action is expected to be:

Insignificant: X Discountable: X Beneficial:

acting for

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