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Dear Interested Citizen,

Thank you for taking the time to review the draft transition monitoring plan for the Deschutes National Forest, and for providing comments on the draft plan.

The Deschutes National Forest has finalized its transition monitoring plan that is consistent with direction in the 2012 Planning Rule to have a monitoring plan in place by May 9, 2016. The final transition monitoring plan has been posted to the following website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd489801>) and is also attached for your information.

As part of the public comment process, letters were sent on January 27, 2016 to the Tribal Chairs and Natural Resource staff of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Klamath Tribes and Burns Paiute Tribe with notification of the opportunity to comment on the draft transition monitoring plan for the Deschutes National Forest. On February 11, 2016, letters and emails were sent to over 140 individuals, federal and state agencies, and organizations requesting comments on the draft transition monitoring plan. The forest received comments from four individuals or organizations. The Forest's interdisciplinary team reviewed the comments received, and responses are captured in the attached document. None of the comments resulted in any substantial changes because the focus of the transitional monitoring plan, as indicated by the 2012 Planning Rule, is on forest plan components, while most comments were related to research questions, population monitoring, or on monitoring project specific effects. The responses to all comments received can be found in the attached document.

During forest plan revision, this monitoring plan will be revised to reflect forest plan components of the revised plan, and there will be opportunity for additional public involvement during the revision process.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the management of the Deschutes National Forest.

Sincerely,



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