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JEFF FOSS
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Dear Mr. Foss:

I am requesting initiation of informal consultation on the Biological Assessment (BA) of the effects to listed wildlife species from the Grays Creek Fire Salvage Project. The BA makes the determinations that the project is *not likely to adversely affect* the threatened Canada lynx and *not likely to adversely affect* the threatened northern Idaho ground squirrel.

The draft BA was presented by the Forest to the Level 1 Streamlining Team on March 18, 2008. The Level I Team, including your representative Ms. Allyson Turner, has reviewed the draft BA and their comments have been incorporated. The team provided preliminary concurrence with the determinations in the BA and recommended that it be submitted for consultation. The BA is enclosed for your review.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact the Payette National Forest Level 1 team member Ana Egnew at (208) 634-0791.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cliff Steele (for)
SUZANNE C. RAINVILLE
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

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