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Mark Rey
Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment
US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW, Room 21709-E
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Under Secretary Rey,

The Bush Administration asked governors to recommend plans to manage roadless areas in their states because those closest to the land know it best. A one-size-fits-all policy for 9.3 million acres simply is not the answer in Idaho. Governors Kempthorne and Risch reached out to a wide array of groups in the state, and I believe Idaho's roadless plan represents a compromise between protecting the land and the people who use it and is capable of resolving the roadless debate in Idaho.

Governor Risch will be presenting Idaho's Roadless petition to the Advisory Committee this week. I support the petition and as Governor will continue working to ensure that Idahoans have a voice in the management of the lands within our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.L. 'Butch' Otter". The signature is stylized and cursive.

C.L. "Butch" Otter
Member of Congress