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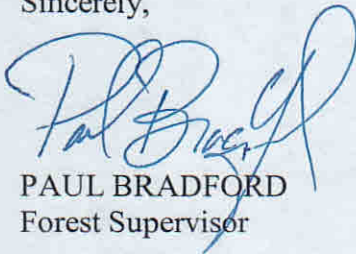
Dear Forest Planning Participant

Enclosed is the Kootenai's Forest Plan Monitoring Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. This report includes information pertaining to six monitoring items as well as Forest Plan amendment information to date. Notification of this report's availability to the public has been made on the Kootenai's Quarterly Schedule of the Proposed Action (SOPA). This report can be found at the following website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai/projects/planning/documents/forest_plan/monitoring/index.shtml.

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Sincerely,



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AMS	Analysis of the Management Situation
ASQ	Allowable Sale Quantity
AUM	Animal Unit Months
BH	Breast Height
BMU	Bear Management Unit
BORZ	Bears Outside the Recovery Zone
BY	Bear Year (April 1 to November 15 (IGBC))
CYE	Cabinet Yaak Ecosystem
DBH	Diameter Breast Height
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FIA	Forest Inventory and Analysis
FP	Forest Plan
FSH	Forest Service Handbook
FSM	Forest Service Manual
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographic Information System
HE	Habitat Effectiveness
IDFG	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
IGBC	Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee
INFS	Inland Native Fish Strategy
KNF	Kootenai National Forest
LAU	Lynx Analysis Units
MA	Management Area
MDFWP	Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
MMBF	Million Board Feet
NCDE	Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem
NEPA	National Environmental Protection Agency
OMRD	Open Motorized Route Density
ORD	Open Road Density
ORV	Off-road Vehicle
T&E	Threatened and Endangered
TMRD	Total Motorized Route Density
TPA	Trees per Acre
TRD	Total Road Density

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INTRODUCTION

The Kootenai Forest Plan was approved on September 14, 1987. It established management direction that became effective on October 1, 1987 (Fiscal Year (FY) 1988). This direction was the result of a comprehensive analysis of land capabilities, public issues, and environmental effects along with a balancing of legal requirements.

We have now completed over twenty years of implementing the Forest Plan. Information from our monitoring reports and other assessments has been useful in preparing for revision of our Forest Plan. The Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle developed an Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS) in March of 2003. This AMS served as our five year monitoring summary and presented valuable monitoring and evaluation information which was used to assist us in identifying changes for Forest Plan revision.

Over the last twenty-plus years our Monitoring and Evaluation program has shown that land management occurs in complex and changing situations and our results will not always be totally predictable, definitive, or certain. Many things, including natural events that cannot be predicted, affect management results.

