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Dear Interested Party:

The Emmett Ranger District of the Boise National Forest has completed the **Environmental Assessment / Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI)** and **Draft Decision Notice (DN)** for the Sage Hen Integrated Restoration Project. Forest Supervisor Tawnya Brummett is the Responsible Official for this project. The Forest Supervisor has selected to implement the proposed action as identified in the Draft DN. The proposed action will authorize activities in the Sage Hen Reservoir area to address forest health and habitat conditions and recreation opportunities in the Upper Squaw Creek for a period of up to twenty years. The project is located west of Highway 55 and approximately 33 miles north of Horseshoe Bend (near Smiths Ferry).

The EA/FONSI and Draft DN are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56701> (see Analysis tab).

This project is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with § 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific, written comments regarding the proposed project unless they are based on new information arising after designated opportunities. Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirement of having previously submitted comments on the project (§ 218.7). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection identified at § 218.8(d) include: Objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request; Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request; Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district where project is located; Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies, which would resolve the objection; and Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunities for comment.

Filing an Objection: The Objection Reviewing Officer is the Intermountain (R4) Regional Forester. Written and electronic objections will be accepted. The Objection Reviewing Officer is



not accepting hand-delivered objections at this time as there are limited office functions as part of precautions in response to the coronavirus. Send written objections, including any attachments, to: Objection Reviewing Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or by email to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@usda.gov, within 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the *Idaho Statesman*, the newspaper of record. Email objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, portable document format (.pdf), plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx). It is the responsibility of Objectors to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (§ 218.9). Objections may also be submitted through a web form on the project webpage (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56701>). To submit an objection using the web form, select “Comment/Object on Project” under “Get Connected” on the right panel of the project’s webpage.

Objections received in response to this request will be available for public inspection in the “Public Comment/Objection Reading Room” on the Project webpage. An objection, including attachments, must be filed with the appropriate reviewing officer within 45 days of the publication of the legal notice. The publication date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection to this project. The legal notice and project documents are available at the link provided above. Those wishing to object to this proposed project should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Additional information about this project may be obtained from Catherine Blackwell, Team Leader, by phone at 208-373-4245.

Sincerely,

TAWNIA BRUMMETT
Forest Supervisor

cc: Katherine Wood, Catherine Blackwell