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Dear Mr. Felsman,

The West Fork Ranger District is proposing to conduct a fuels reduction project near Piquett Creek in Ravalli County, Montana (T1N R21W S6). The Bitterroot National Forest's Heritage Program Manager has determined this project as an undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(a) and has defined the Area of Potential Effect (APE).

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The Bitterroot National Forest has reached a finding of *no historic properties affected* for the proposed undertaking and requests your concurrence. After careful consideration, sites 24RA0132, 24RA0195 and 24RA0898 were all determined *not eligible* for the National Register. Your concurrence for the determination of eligibility and finding of effect is requested. If you have any questions please contact Forest Archaeologist/Heritage Program Manager, Matthew Werle at (406) 363-7183 or by email at [mwerle@usda.gov](mailto:mwerle@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

Seth Carbonari  
District Ranger

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Inventory Report w/site forms  
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