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Keith Lammon, Forest Supervisor  
Payette National Forest  
500 N Mission St, Building 2  
McCall, ID 83638

RE: Middle Fork Weiser River Landscape Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Lammon:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) staff reviewed the Middle Fork Weiser River Landscape Restoration Project. This project is proposing a variety of management actions in the Middle Fork Weiser River Watershed including designation of new motorized trails, construction of trailheads, and campground improvements. The project will also conduct watershed improvement activities and timber harvest in the project area.

Our staff is familiar with the project area. Our trail ranger crews have maintained trails in the Council Mountain area since 1989. We support the proposed recreation improvements.

This project was developed from many meetings the Payette Forest Coalition had over the past few years. We encourage the forest to move forward with the environmental analysis for this project.

Many of the recreation items could be served by IDPR grant programs or our Trail Ranger and Trail Cat Programs. The grants can be applied for once, the environmental analysis for this project is complete. Our department is seeking maintenance requests for the Trail Ranger and Trail Cat Programs right now. If your staff is interested in this program, please contact Todd Wernex, South Region Trails Specialist at (208) 514-2413.

Sincerely,



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