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Dear Team Lead:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Blue Mountains Forest Resiliency Project, Ochoco, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

National Trails Intermountain Region of the National Park Service, with offices in Santa Fe and Salt Lake City, is the designated federal administrator of the Oregon National Historic Trail (NHT). Visual examination of the maps provided on the project website suggests that there may be a slight possibility that project activities could directly impact the Oregon NHT in a couple of locations. At the request of the US Forest Service, we can provide geospatial data for the trail corridor for use in your analyses. That data typically is not survey-level, ground-truthed locational information, but should be treated as an approximation of where historic trail trace may yet exist. If the potential for impact is confirmed by your analysis, then we would ask to be engaged as a consulting party in any Section 106 process that would follow.

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