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This is in regard to the Wild and Scenic River Designation proposal in the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

First, you have combined two separate forests into one. You cannot do that, Congress is the only authority that can designate a forest, they would have to designate these two forests together.

Secondly, everyone knows about your partnerships with environmental NGOs such as Y2Y, ICL, and others. You are representing their interests, not the Idaho citizens you work for, who pay your wages. It is the NGO agenda to take as much land as possible and put it into different categories for conservation and non-use. If you believe in this ideology it is your responsibility to work with LOCAL citizens who live in and around the area, who rely on recreation for their economy, for an final decision. The majority of individuals in these NGOs do not even live there, some don't even live in Idaho.

As a federal agency you are also obligated by federal law to engage in Coordination with the local jurisdictions, you have not done this. It is your responsibility to ensure that any action taken is consistent with local land use policies, and if it is not, you cannot proceed with the action until consistency is reached. Not doing so is a violation of federal law.

Do not designate this a Wild and Scenic River, Idahoans have a right to use their waters and you have no right to take this type of action on the behalf of groups with an ideological agenda. And we know you work with them.

Thank you,

Karen Schumacher