

Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District

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Dear Supervisor Mark,

The Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District (LSWCD) is a local unit of government that was established over 50 years ago to carry out natural resource management programs working with land owner and operators in Lemhi County on a voluntary basis. As the Board of Supervisors of the LSWCD, we are extremely concerned about the process and eventual effect of the Wild and Scenic River Management Plan. As a Board, we are concerned about the impacts on water rights, grazing, timber harvest and placer mining claims.

As a Board, we support the release of a draft eligibility assessment report for a minimum of 30 days comment period. We would like to request a hard copy of the draft eligibility assessment report for us to review at a board meeting.

As a Board, we would also like to see a suitability study to be done on the draft eligibility report. We would like the study to involve local individuals and the Lemhi County Commissioners. We are interested in being provided with the affects that this plan will have on current range users, ranchers, miners and loggers.

Please inform the Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District of any public meeting involving the Wild and Scenic River Management Plan that are held in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Rusty Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Rusty Hamilton, Chairman Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District