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Comments:

Dear Regional Forester Rasure:

This letter is an objection pursuant to 36 CFR Subsection 218 The Lost Creek - Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project on behalf of myself, Ronald D. Mitchell, a long-time user of the Payette NF's recreational resources and frequent appellant and litigator in my role as executive director of The Idaho Sporting Congress, Inc. based in Boise, Idaho.

The responsible official is Payette National Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom. The Lost Creek - Boulder Creek landscape Project is planned for the New Meadows Ranger District of the Payette National Forest (PNF).

1. Issue number one: the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the ROD for the LC - BC project. Therefore, you must start over beginning with a new public comment period. Please do so.
2. Issue number two: To comply with NEPA you must include a full discussion of the results of the study done by Al Espinosa for the Idaho Dept. of Transportation about 1996 or 1997 on the flood effects on the Little Salmon River of emergency bridge repair and road construction in that drainage, including its major tributary Boulder Creek.

You should not just list it as a source, but include a full discussion behind the issues raised in the report, which led to the composition of a Biological Assessment.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Mitchell

August 5, 2019