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September 22, 2026

Via e-mail: [email redacted]

Forrest McCarthy
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Victor, ID 83455

Re: Bureau of Land Management Implementation of Upper Snake East Travel Management Plan

Dear Forrest McCarthy,

Thank you for your emails to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Snake Field Office and for taking the time to share concerns on behalf of residents of Victor, ID, regarding proposed trail work on BLM-managed lands. We appreciate your interest in BLM projects and your engagement in the management of public lands.

With this letter, I want to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated June 19, 2026. Your message is styled as a "formal administrative & regulatory objection" and a "notice of non-compliance under 43 C.F.R. part 46." However, there is no such administrative filing mechanism under Department of the Interior regulations, and BLM does not have a legal obligation to treat the submission as a formal or procedurally recognized objection.

I also want to acknowledge your messages to BLM dated August 15 and September 13, 2026, where you alleged numerous violations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). With respect to NEPA compliance, BLM has already completed the appropriate level of environmental review for the travel management decisions that authorize trail development on BLM public lands east of Victor along the Teton Front. The Upper Snake East Travel Management Plan (TMP) Environmental Assessment (EA), accompanying Finding of No Significant Impact, and the Implementation Guide collectively provide the NEPA analysis and decision framework for development and maintenance of designated trail routes within the planning area. The current trail work under consideration is consistent with that analysis and implements decisions already made through the TMP process.

Because these trail projects are implementation actions that fall within the scope of the TMP EA and do not represent new decisions outside the analysis already completed, there is no legal basis

requiring additional NEPA review beyond what has already been performed. While we welcome public input and will continue to consider site-specific information relevant to project design, the TMP EA remains the governing NEPA document.

If you have additional questions about the implementation of travel management decisions, please feel free to contact the BLM Upper Snake Field Office.

Sincerely,



Mel M. Meier
Attorney-Advisor

cc: John Reffit, Upper Snake Field Manager
Sue Muncaster, City of Victor Mayor