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Boise, Idaho 83709
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U.S. Forest Service
Jersey-Jack Appeal Hearing Office
P.O. Box 2417
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Sir:

The Nezperce National Forest is planning the construction of a road called the Jersey Jack/Rhett Creek road which will by-pass the community of Dixie, Idaho. This road parallels an existing road which could be improved and used instead of initiating the costly new construction. The new road would adversely affect elk, deer, moose and other wildlife habitat and would cause sedimentation to stream drainages containing spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous steel-head trout and chinook salmon. Other conservation agencies and organization have provided the Forest Service with adequate details of the adverse impacts of this road construction.

On behalf of the members of The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, I urge the Forest Service to not build the Dixie by-pass road.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Gore
President

cc: Don Biddison, Forest Supervisor
Tom Coston, Regional Forester
Governor Evans
Senator Symms
Senator McClure
Congressmen Craig