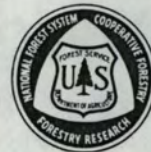


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Nezperce National Forest
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December 2, 1977



To All Members of our Technical Review Panel & Key People Team:

The Nezperce Forest has completed the Gospel-Hump Land Management Plan and recommendation for a Wilderness Study Area, and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is now in the hands of the printers. Printing will be completed by December 12, and copies will be available to the Chief of the Forest Service by December 14.

When Chief McGuire decides to release the Statement, you will be among the first to receive a copy.

I'd like to take this opportunity now to thank you once again for your help on this planning job. Your interest and participation was, and is, very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ed Green

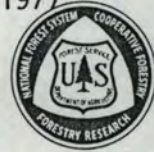
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DON BIDDISON
Forest Supervisor

P.S. If you have outstanding expense accounts to settle, please submit them as soon as possible. Please include your Social Security Number to expedite payment.

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August 11, 1977



Dr. Kenneth M. Sowles
962 N. Cleveland
Moscow, ID 83843

To All Technical Review Panel Members:

It was gratifying to find that you all were willing to take on the task of reviewing our planning process for the Gospel-Hump. I had anticipated that it would be difficult to gather together a group such as yours, for I realized you would have many other concerns and commitments.

We think we can obtain sufficient review in two meetings. However, we will arrange others if, after our initial meeting, you feel they are necessary. The dates of the scheduled meetings have been set for August 20 and September 17. We will meet here in Grangeville in my office at 9 a.m.

At our first meeting, it is our intent to provide you with our study plan, role statements, papers concerning a resource overview, our present technical state, fiscal policy, socio-economic variables, relevant legal parameters, and selection criteria we will apply to potential alternatives.

We will update any changes and present feasible alternatives during our September 17 meeting. It is likely that your critique may expand this meeting or require additional meetings.

If you cannot attend either of these first meetings, we will furnish you all the data presented and minutes of the meeting. You could then, perhaps, comment on that basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Lorenson".

for DON BIDDISON
Forest Supervisor

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July 29, 1977



Dr. Ken Sowles
962 N. Cleveland
Moscow, ID 83843

Dear Ken:

The Nezperce National Forest is preparing a land use plan and environmental statement for the Gospel-Hump Planning Unit.

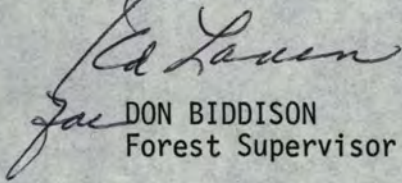
The environmental and emotional sensitivity of this general area and the intense interest expressed by the public in our proposed management activities for this unit necessitate that we put forth a major effort to complete this plan. As part of our planning effort, I believe our process and accomplishments should be periodically reviewed and critiqued by a group of professional individuals functioning as a Technical Review Panel. We would like to invite you to serve on this panel. We are also extending this invitation to those listed on the enclosed list.

The Technical Review Panel will receive periodic briefings, review draft documents as they are being prepared, and offer comments to improve our planning efforts, especially in the areas of the member's technical expertise.

Formal or written reports from the Panel will not be necessary. The impact on your time will be kept to a minimum. As of now, reviews are tentatively planned in Grangeville on August 12, October 15, and November 20. A definite meeting schedule will be sent to all who agree to participate on the Panel. Each meeting should last no more than four hours.

Because of the critical nature of this project, it is important that I know whether or not you will be able to help us with this task as soon as possible. In addition, any suggestions that you might have for improving our approach would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


DON BIDDISON
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

Prospective Members - Technical Review Panel

Forester - Ken Sowles
Fish Biologist - Bill Platts
Wildlife Biologist - Jim Peek
Soil Scientist - Warren Starr
Wilderness Expert - George Stankey
Economist - Ervin Schuster
Minerals - Maynard Miller
Rec. - Jim Fazio

