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Dear Mr. Wilson:

In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, I request informal consultation on the enclosed Biological Assessment for the Rocky Mountain Ranger District Travel Management Plan. In particular, I request concurrence with the biologist's determination that the proposed Federal Action may effect, but is not likely to adversely affect the threatened grizzly bear (*Ursos arctos horribilis*).

The biologist has also determined that this action will have no effect upon the threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), or the endangered gray wolf (*Canis lupus*).

If you have any questions regarding the project or Biological Assessment please contact Wendy Maples, District Biologist at 406-466-5341, or Laura Conway, Forest Biologist at 406-791-7739.

Sincerely,

LESLEY W. THOMPSON
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Michael A Munoz, Wendy C Maples

