OBJECTION PROCESS

Only those who submitted written comments during a public comment period (scoping or DEIS comments) are eligible to file an objection.

How to Object and Timeframe: Written objections, including any attachments, must be sent via regular mail to Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA-Forest Service Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401 or email objection to objections-intermtn-regional-office@usda.gov within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in the Casper Star-Tribune (November 23).

36 CFR § 218.8

Filing an objection.

(a) <u>Objections</u> must be filed with the **reviewing officer**¹ in writing. All <u>objections</u> are available for public inspection during and after the <u>objection process</u>.

Incorporation of documents by reference is not allowed, except for the following list of items that may be referenced by including **date**, **page**, **and section of the cited document**, along with a description of its content and applicability to the <u>objection</u>. All other documents² must be included with the <u>objection</u>.

- (1) All or any part of a Federal law or regulation.
- (2) Forest Service directives and land management plans.
- (3) Documents referenced by the Forest Service in the proposed <u>project</u> EA or <u>EIS</u> that is subject to objection.
- (4) Comments previously provided to the Forest Service by the <u>objector</u> during public involvement opportunities for the proposed <u>project</u> where written comments were requested by the <u>responsible official</u>.
- (c) Issues raised in <u>objections</u> must be based on previously submitted <u>specific</u> <u>written comments</u> regarding the proposed <u>project</u> or activity and attributed to the <u>objector</u>, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. The burden is on the <u>objector</u> to demonstrate compliance with this requirement for objection issues (see <u>paragraph</u> (d)(6) of this section).³
- (d) At a minimum, an objection must include the following:

¹ In this case, the Regional Forester

² For example, include as an attachment a document such as a research paper.

³ Make sure to follow this guidance to avoid having an objection dismissed. They'll be looking for reasons to do so.

- (1) Objector's name and address as defined in § 218.2, with a telephone number, if available:
- (2) Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic mail may be filed with the objection);
- (3) When multiple <u>names</u> are listed on an <u>objection</u>, identification of the <u>lead</u> <u>objector</u> as defined in § 218.2. Verification of the identity of the <u>lead objector</u> must be provided upon request or the reviewing officer will designate a <u>lead objector</u> as provided in § 218.5(d);
- (4) The <u>name</u> of the proposed <u>project</u>, the <u>name</u> and title of the <u>responsible official</u>, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed <u>project</u> will be implemented;
- (5) A description of those aspects of the proposed <u>project addressed</u> by the <u>objection</u>, including specific issues related to the proposed <u>project</u>; if applicable, how the <u>objector</u> believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the <u>objection</u>; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and
- (6) A statement that demonstrates the connection between prior <u>specific written</u> <u>comments</u> on the particular proposed <u>project</u> or activity and the content of the <u>objection</u>, unless the <u>objection</u> concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity(ies) for comment (see <u>paragraph</u> (c) of this section).

Front matter for the objection letter:

RE: Project 54201 Snow King Mountain Resort On-Mountain Improvements; Jackson Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Teton County, Wyoming. The Supervisor of the Bridger-Teton is the responsible official for this decision.

Objection Reviewing Officer
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Narrative of aspects of the proposal being objected to:

List the specifics as desired, whether one item or many. Follow the template from item (d)(5) above.

Example narrative for one issue:

The face road as currently configured is "needed" to construct and service a large restaurant-bar-meeting complex on the summit, not to provide a beginner skier route. None of the alternatives consider a different road alignment.

The road as proposed violates the Ski Area Outdoor Recreation Enhancement Act (SAOREA) Sec 3, page H.R 765-2, 2011, which states that each facility authorized "shall harmonize with the natural environment of the National Forest System land on which the activity or facility is located **and** be located within the developed portions of the ski area."

<u>Suggested remedy</u>: Consider alternatives to the proposed road location, alignment and width, to include those that would serve facilities less extensive than proposed.

