related to the proposed Project. The BLM decisions are related to: (1) Approval of the MRP and/or alternatives; (2) enlargement (modification) of the existing leases; (3) approval of the Resource Management Plan amendment for the land sale; (4) approval of the land sale as proposed or modified; and (5) acceptance of the 440-acre parcel donated by Simplot.

The USFS will provide a recommendation to BLM regarding surface management and the selected alternative on leased National Forest System lands. The USFS will make decisions related to: (1) Approval of the land exchange; (2) acceptance of the donation parcel; (3) Roadless Area boundary changes; (4) Special Use Authorizations for off-lease activities; and (5) amendments to the 2003 Revised Forest Plan for the Caribou National Forest to add management prescriptions and designate utility corridors.

The USFS decisions are subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 and 219. The USFS will provide instructions for filing objections to the Draft USFS ROD in the legal notice published in the newspaper of record. The USFS will only accept objections from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunities for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a) and 219.53(a). Objection issues must be based on previously submitted, timely, and specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities. The BLM will release a ROD concurrent with release of the USFS Final ROD.

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 36 CFR 218 and 219; 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10; 43 CFR 1610.2 and 3590.

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