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March 12, 2019

Leanne Marten
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Dear Regional Forester Marten:

On July 30, 2018, three members of the Idaho delegation wrote to encourage the Forest Service to complete the new reserve interest deed (RID) for the Campbell's Ferry original homestead private property on the Main Salmon River in Idaho. This RID is a prime example of how the USDA and the Forest Service can fulfill Under Secretary Hubbard's stated interest to work in cooperation and partnership with the private sector to achieve common conservation goals.

The July 2018 letter asked you to give this matter your prompt and personal attention and to keep the delegation informed as to the progress being made to complete the RID. On August 17, 2018, you responded to the Idaho delegation stating that the latest draft of the conservation easement was in the Regional Office for review and would be completed as expeditiously as possible. That letter, now almost six months ago, was the last correspondence the delegation received regarding this matter.

We understand that you have personnel constraints. It is our understanding that the owner of Campbell's Ferry has been assured in several meetings with Region 1 representatives that the RID was almost complete. For nearly 17 years, the Forest Service has not resolved this conservation easement—this is unacceptable.

Since this matter is long overdue, we request the Forest Service to complete the RID before the ice and snow clear out of the Salmon River, thereby enabling easier access to the Campbell's Ferry National Historic Place during the 2019 field season. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E. Risch".

JAMES E. RISCH
United States Senator

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