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## BOARD OF IDAHO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 7, 2019

RE: Lochsa River Corridor Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

Dear Property Owner:

We are writing today because you have been identified by the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as an owner of property in the Lochsa River Corridor. As you may know, the Nez Perce Tribe has nominated the Lochsa River Corridor for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

If the Tribe's nomination succeeds, the property—including your private property—will be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This listing is effectively permanent. If listed, federal undertakings in the area—including undertakings associated with your private property—are subject to a historic review process that may include consultation with the Tribe. This process is burdensome, and can delay or prevent projects that have any federal involvement, such as road permits, federally funded projects, or construction projects that require a federal stormwater permit.

You have the opportunity to object. The nomination will be denied if over 50% of property owners provide to SHPO a signed, notarized objection letter before March 2, 2019. Only signed, notarized objections count. If you object, several example letters are enclosed for your convenience. You can fill out the relevant information on the appropriate form, then sign, notarize, and send to SHPO. The most important thing is to sign, notarize, and send an objection letter to SHPO as soon as possible so your objection is counted.

A list of property owners is also enclosed. The list identifies the people or entities that SHPO considers to be property owners in the area. A signed, notarized objection is required from each and every person listed as an owner. If SHPO has already received an objection from you, as indicated on the list, your objection has been counted and you do not need to send another. A notary will be available during the meetings scheduled for January 9 in Grangeville and January 14 in Kooskia, so you can have letters notarized there if it is most convenient.

We appreciate your time and efforts in this important matter.

Sincerely,

R. Skipper Brandt, Chairman

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