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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

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BITTERROOT RIDGE RUNNERS	)	
SNOWMOBILE CLUB, <u>et al.</u> ,	)	
	)	Case No. CV 16-158-M-DLC
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	<b>MOTION TO INTERVENE</b>
vs.	)	
	)	
U.S. FOREST SERVICE, <u>et al.</u> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
FRIENDS OF THE BITTERROOT,	)	
HELLGATE HUNTERS AND ANGLERS,	)	
MISSOULA BACK COUNTRY	)	
HORSEMEN, MONTANA WILDERNESS	)	
ASSOCIATION, SELWAY-PINTLER	)	
WILDERNESS BACK COUNTRY	)	
HORSEMEN, WILDEARTH	)	
GUARDIANS, and WINTER	)	
WILDLANDS ALLIANCE,	)	
	)	
Proposed Intervenors.	)	
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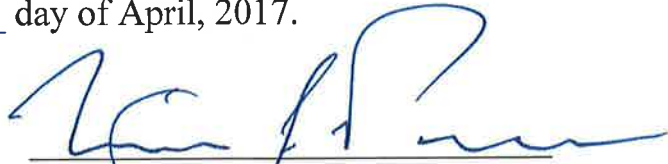
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Proposed Intervenor Friends of the Bitterroot, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers, Missoula Back Country Horsemen, Montana Wilderness Association, Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen, WildEarth Guardians, and Winter Wildlands Alliance (collectively, “Conservation Organizations” or “Proposed Intervenor”), hereby move to intervene as defendants in this action. Conservation Organizations’ intervention is warranted under both Rules 24(a) and 24(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

As set forth in the accompanying memorandum and supporting declarations and exhibits, Conservation Organizations’ intervention is necessary to protect the advocacy, conservation, recreational, and aesthetic interests of Conservation Organizations and their members in the Bitterroot National Forest and the U.S. Forest Service’s Bitterroot National Forest Travel Plan, which Plaintiffs challenge in this case. As required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(c), applicants also submit a proposed answer to Plaintiffs’ complaint.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c)(1), counsel for Conservation Organizations contacted counsel for both Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants concerning this motion. Counsel for Plaintiffs advised that they will not oppose this motion. Counsel for Conservation Organizations have not yet received a response from Federal Defendants.

Respectfully submitted this 7 day of April, 2017.



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

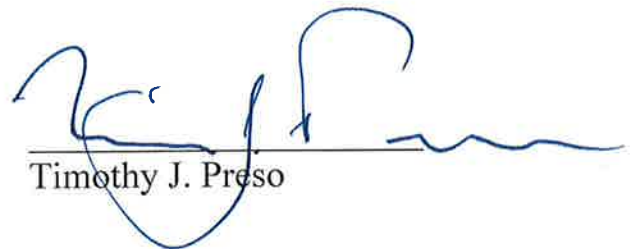
I hereby certify that on this 7 day of April, 2017, I caused true and correct copies of the foregoing documents and all attachments and related filings to be served by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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