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Memorandum

To: Rhea S. Suh

 Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget

Through: Tommy P. Beaudreau

 Acting Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management

From: Mike Pool

 Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Proposed Withdrawal, Settler’s Grove of Ancient Cedars Botanical and Recreation Area, Idaho

We have attached a proposed Public Land Order transmitted on behalf of the United States Forest Service that would withdraw 183.47 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for a period of 20 years to protect one of the few remaining stands of old-growth western red cedar trees in the Settler’s Grove of Ancient Cedars Botanical and Recreation Area within the Idaho Panhandle National Forest.

An environmental assessment determined this action would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment, and a detailed statement pursuant to Section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 is not required. We recommend your approval.

Attachment

cc: Sec. Ofc.:MIB, Rm. 1416

Sec. RF (2):MIB, Rm. 1416

AS-LM(2):MIB, Rm. 6628

AS-PMB:MIB, Rm. 6110

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