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Mr. Steven Ellis
Idaho State Director
Bureau of Land Management
1387 South Vinnell Way
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Dear Mr. Ellis:

Enclosed is an "Application for a New Withdrawal" proposed for the Settler's Grove of Ancient Cedars area in Northern Idaho. This application proposes to withdraw 183.42 acres, more or less, of Idaho Panhandle National Forests lands in Shoshone County, Idaho. The Settler's Grove of Ancient Cedars was previously withdrawn by Public Land Order 6658 published in the Federal Register on September 30, 1987 and expired on September 30, 2007.

The proposed term of the withdrawal is 20 years (43 CFR 2310.3-4), this will allow for the protection of this Special Interest Area.

The Forest Plan for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests addresses withdrawals in Chapter II-34 under the heading of Minerals. This request for a new withdrawal fulfills the intent of the Forest Plan.

To facilitate the publication of this request in the Federal Register; the Bureau of Land Management is authorized to use the Forest Service's Federal Register billing code. The billing code is 3410-11.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Scott Bixler of my staff at (406) 329-3655 or at sbixler@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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Regional Forester

