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Dear Suction Dredger or other Interested Party:

On March 3, 2017, a meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming suction dredging seasons on the South Fork of the Clearwater River, Orogrande Creek, French Creek, Lolo Creek and Moose Creek. This meeting will be held in Grangeville, Idaho at the Forest Service office at 104 Airport Road in the Pilot Knob conference room from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00. For those who are unable to attend, you may call into the meeting by calling 1-(888) 844-9904, then entering the access code 3262855#.

This meeting is for the purpose of gathering feedback and suggestions for ways to make the 2017 suction dredging season go smoother, within the scope of the existing decision that I signed last year and the decision that was signed in 2010 for Lolo and Moose Creek. We will also discuss the timelines for each phase of this year's permitting process.

Due to the limited time we have available, I would like to limit the discussion to only those issues relative to getting the required permits and operating plans issued in the timeliest manner possible. It is my goal to ensure that everyone has these in hand before the suction dredging seasons begin.

If you have any additional questions or comments or require further assistance, please feel free to contact Marty Jones, Minerals Administrator, at (208) 983-5158, or Rebecca Anderson, Geologist, at (208) 476-8351.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

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