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Subject: Emergency CEQ Consultation, Tin Cup Dam

To: Chief

Enclosed is a request from Dave Bull, Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest (BNF) for consultation with the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) to develop alternative arrangements for fulfilling the provisions of the NEPA. This request is submitted in accordance with the CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1506.11. The action generating the request concerns the authorization of motorized use in the Selway-Bitterroot wilderness to conduct emergency repairs to the Tin Cup Dam.

Due to the immediate necessity for conducting the repair work, the Forest is not able to fully observe the provisions of the CEQ regulations concerning preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. I believe the Forest is proceeding appropriately to address the immediate threat to human health and safety while attempting to fulfill the intent of the NEPA to its fullest intent.

Consultation with the CEQ is requested to assure that public involvement efforts and effects disclosures already conducted and those planned by the Forest are adequate to meet the intent of the NEPA. These actions include public notification, solicitation for concerns over environmental effects, review of the effects of similar actions, as well as planned monitoring and post-project public disclosure of environmental effects.

The enclosed documentation submitted by the BNF provides the necessary information to support the request and describes the actions to be taken by the Forest to meet the intent of the NEPA.

Requests for additional information necessary to conduct consultations with the CEQ should be directed to Dave Bull, Forest Supervisor, Bitterroot National Forest.

/s/ Bradley E. Powell
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Enclosure

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