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Randall Hauser  
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Dear Mr. Hauser:

We received your correspondence dated March 15, 23, 25, and March 30, 2005. We also received correspondence dated March 31, 2005, from the Trails and Bikeways Council supporting your proposal. I wish to thank you for bringing your proposal forward. As stated at the Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting on February 2, 2005, we will consider, and have considered additional information, including proposals initiated by the local residents and interested parties as an alternative to the proposed action. Although the comment period initiated by the Notice of Exchange Proposal ended on October 15, 2004, we committed to analyzing these proposals as alternatives in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for the Salmon Creek Resources exchange.

We can assure you that we have fully explored all alternatives in the NEPA analysis, including your proposal. Further discussions of your proposal at this point, is beyond the normal scope of the NEPA process and would not be appropriate or fair to the other parties who have an interest in this decision.

I feel confident that this process can now be concluded with a well informed and reasoned decision. We request that you not contact us further on these proposals until after the decision is made. Thank you for your input and for your interest in the public lands.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Anderson  
Field Manager

cc Trails and Bikeways Council  
Hon. Wally Herger  
Hon. Barbara Boxer  
Hon. Dianne Feinstein  
Supervisor Mark Cibula  
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