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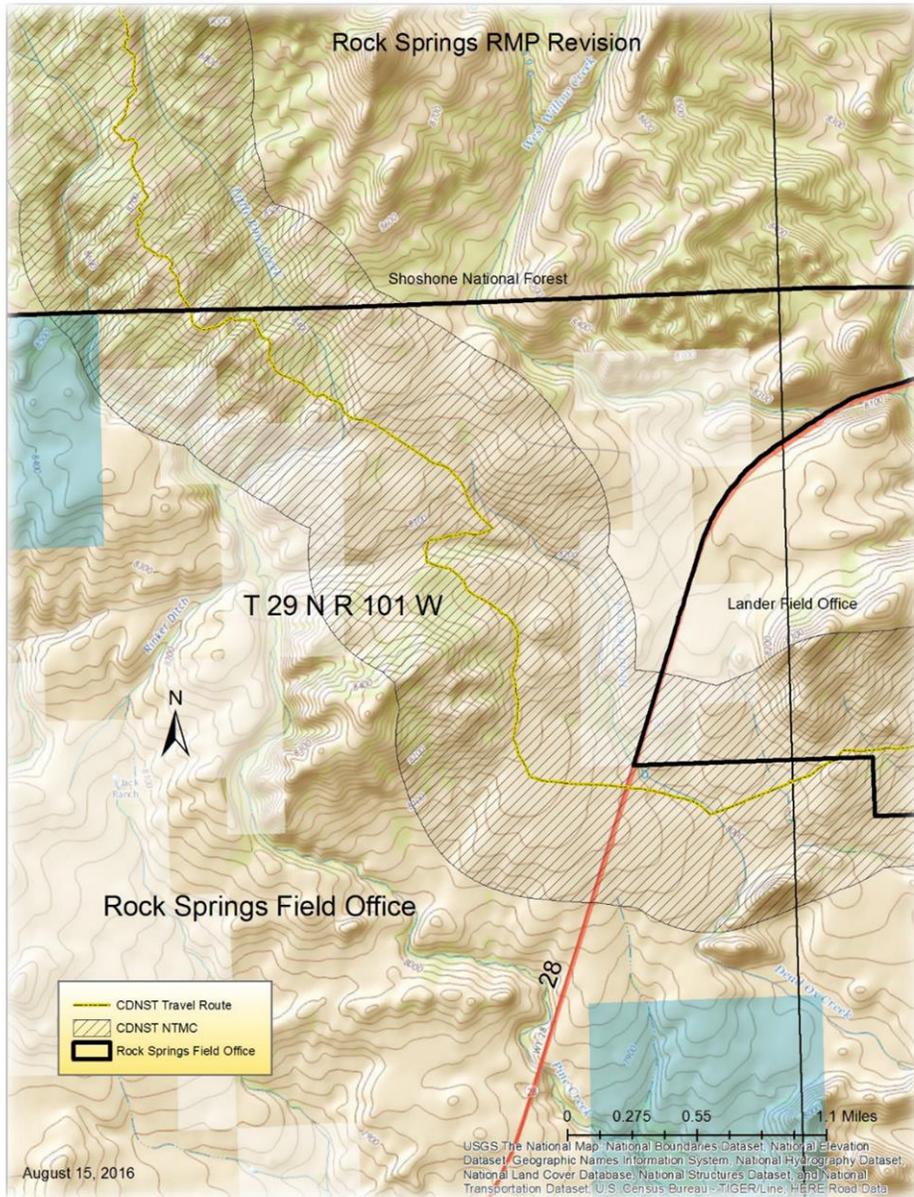
I appreciate being notified by postcard that there will be a public meeting in Rock Springs on the 24th, but unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. I am specifically interested in the establishment of RMP guidance in the revised plan that provides appropriate direction for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST). I have attached is a PDF map of a reasonable location for a CDNST National Trail Management Corridor (NTMC). To supplement the public scoping that occurred in the year 2011, I have also attached a document titled, "[CDNST Planning Handbook](#)." The CDNST Planning Handbook addresses planning for multiple agencies so as to demonstrate that the planning for this National Trail must be seamlessly addressed across administrative boundaries. I would encourage the Field Office planning team to review, at a minimum, the following parts of this handbook:

- I. Nature & Purposes and Vision, pages 4 - 8
- II. Land Management Planning
 - C. Development and Management, pages 11 - 22
 - D. CDNST Comprehensive Planning, page 18
 - E. Scenery Management System and Recreation Opportunity Spectrum Relationship, page 20
 - F. Carrying Capacity, page 21
 - G. Substantial Interference, page 22
- I. Bureau of Land Management Planning Considerations, page 26 - 30
- IV. Comprehensive Planning Relationship to NEPA, pages 46 - 51

The CDNST NTMC overlays a very small portion of the Field Office area; however, how this National Trail is addressed in the RMP is very important to not only this section of the CDNST, but also for demonstrating how a RMP could apply the direction that is found in MS-6280 and the CDNST Comprehensive Plan. I encourage the planning team to build off of the success of the National Scenic and Historic Trail direction found in the Lander RMP with an important caveat. The following goal that is found in the Lander Plan is inconsistent with the National Trails System Act and should not be brought forward into the Rock Springs Plan: **“Goal SD: 3** Use of the CDNST will minimally affect adjacent natural and cultural environments and harmonize with the management objectives of land and resource uses which are, or may be, occurring on the lands through which the trail passes.” The establishment of a NTMC will protect or enhance natural and cultural environments. A NTMC is a not resource plan to be continuously subordinated to direction found in revised RMPs. RMPs are to provide for one integrated plan for the Field Office. The Shoshone National Forest recently revised the Forest Plan. This revised plan fails to address the requirements of the National Trails System Act and is not an appropriate model the Field Office to follow. A specific example of a National Trails System Act inconsistency with the Shoshone Plan is the failure to establish recreation settings

that provide for the nature and purposes of the CDNST. As such, resource uses and activities along the CDNST corridor will substantially degrade CDNST values as the Forest Plan is implemented.

I hope that you find these comments help with the development of the draft RMP and DEIS. Please verify that I am on your electronic mailing list for notification of the availability of these documents when they are released for public review and comment.



Thank you considering these supplemental scoping comments.

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