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Dear Interested Citizen:

My purpose in writing to you today is to provide an update regarding the proposal for construction of wireless telecommunication facilities (cell tower) on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

In 2004, we requested comments on a proposal to allow construction of two cell towers on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. One cell tower was to be placed near Galena Summit and the other near Stanley. Since that time, the city of Stanley has been provided with cell service from another source and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area denied the proposal for the Stanley site because of access issues. Thus, the proposal has been modified to construct one cell tower only at the Galena site. There is an existing communications facility on the Galena Summit site, which has prompted the Forest to propose formally designating this site a Communication Site for this use and future proposals. This will require a non-significant amendment be added to the Sawtooth Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

Enclosed is a 30-Day Opportunity to Comment on the modified Proposed Action that describes in detail the proposal. The 30-day comment period provides an opportunity for you to provide early and meaningful participation on a proposed action prior to a decision being made. Those who provide comments during this comment period are eligible to appeal the decision under the 36 CFR 215 appeal regulations.

Additional information on the proposed action may be obtained by contacting Jackie Richter, Resource Specialist, Sawtooth National Forest, 2647 Kimberly Rd. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, (208) 737-3247.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ed Waldapfel for
JANE P. KOLLMEYER
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Enclosure



