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Fwd: Response to 4(f) applicability for BLM lands

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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

The Miles City Field Office received your letter concerning the applicability of Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966, on BLM lands within the Pumpkin Creek area from the Tongue River Railroad alternative routes. In the letter you requested concurrence that the Pumpkin Creek area is eligible for Section 4(f) protection and identification of other BLM lands that may be eligible.

The Miles City Field Office does not believe that the Pumpkin Creek area or any BLM managed lands along the Tongue River Railroad alternative routes are eligible for Section 4(f) protection. The recreational component of all BLM administered public lands along the alternative routes are considered "dispersed" and would not qualify for protection under Section 4(f) based on the definition provided in your letter.

In summary, the BLM administered public lands along the alternative routes proposed by the Tongue River Railroad EIS do not qualify for protection under Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Finally, the BLM does not intend to change or modify the recreational component of these areas to something more than dispersed use requiring protection.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to BLM administered public lands.

Sincerely,
Todd

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