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Custer County must now assert its authority to have your agency coordinate with the Commissioners of the County regarding any work the BLM is now conducting on development of a Travel Management Plan that will affect this County, either through impact from such Plans for neighboring counties or through development for this County. We know that the BLM is working on these Plans and has been for some many months, or years now. But, we have not been coordinated with regarding any plans for either our county or an adjoining county.

We know that you are aware of the requirement that you coordinate with local government regarding planning, and management actions under the congressional order given to you by the Federal Land Policy Management Act. Coordination is spelled out specifically in section 1712 of that Act, and it is that process that we expect to be followed in every detail.

Moreover, in the case of Travel Management Plans, coordination is required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the implementing regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality, as well as BLM's own regulations issued by the Secretary of Interior.

We would like to meet with you, as District Manager on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in our regular business meeting room in Challis. If you, cannot meet on one of those dates, please contact the clerk or chair of the Commission to arrange a mutually convenient date, but as soon as possible please!

Our agenda will include the following elements:

1. Status of any Travel Management Plan for Custer County.
2. Efforts being made in the BLM planning process to protect private property, protect economic stability of the County, and protect the safety, health and welfare of the citizens.
3. Timelines for completion of the project and preparation and filing of draft environmental impact statement
4. Time for sharing with the County the contents of the deis so that County can review the work and include its analysis of the deis so that it can be viewed by the public along with your deis. We firmly believe that your regulations, and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality call for that early review and the opportunity to have our analysis, as coordinating local

government, included for review by the President and by the public.

5. The timeline for beginning to review with the County the earliest study of data which will lead to a plan, the review of such data, and the planning conclusions being drawn from the data.
6. Your inventory of existing lawful trails in the County, and of existing unlawful trails.

Please feel free to bring with you any members of your staff you want. Also, if you have elements to add to the coordination agenda, please submit them to us and we will add them. We look forward to moving ahead with the coordination in developing a Travel Management Plan, and meeting with you soon.

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Custer County Commissioner, Chairman

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