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Dear Mr. Smithers:

Thank you for the on-going coordination and resource sensitive work that has occurred on the Childs Irving hydropower decommissioning project. We truly appreciate the staff and crews on site and their stewardship of the National Forest as we move through the deconstruction of these facilities. We have received your reports on Reaches 16 and 17 and the request for Forest Service concurrence and acceptance of these reaches. We understand you need our concurrence to request modification of the project area boundary from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

We have reviewed the reports and completed several on the ground reviews of these areas and we accept these reaches as being complete. There are just a couple of items we want to clarify related to boundary adjustment and on-going activities in these reaches. As was discussed with Judy Adams of the Red Rock Ranger District and documented in your report, you have closed one end of the Stehr Lake tunnel on the Childs side. The other end is temporarily closed and will be completely closed per the plans during the restoration work at Stehr Lake, even though the tunnel is located within the reaches included in this modification request. Also, we would expect you will continue to monitor for successful revegetation in these reaches and re-seed areas if necessary to stabilize soils. We understand there are items that will be placed at Childs for interpretation in the future. We expect to be notified when activities will be occurring at Childs once the boundary is adjusted. We also assume you will continue to work with the Forest Service per our agreements on interpreting the historic facilities at Childs even after the boundary is adjusted.

Per your conversations with Judy Adams, our assumptions are accurate and we accept the area as described in your report and concur with the revision of the boundary. Again, thank you for your continued high quality work and cooperation on this project. If you need anything further, please contact Judy at 928-203-7506.

Sincerely,

NORA B. RASURE  
Forest Supervisor



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