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Dear Interested Party:

The National Park Service has prepared an environmental assessment entitled, *The Gros Ventre Campground Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect (EA/AEF)*, which is now available for public review.

The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the Gros Ventre Campground with infrastructure and facility improvements that would benefit the visiting public, park employees, park operations and wildlife. The objective of the project is to address health and safety concerns related to aging campground infrastructure, enhance the experience of park visitors, meet current and future visitor demands, reduce impervious surface and restore natural vegetation and wildlife habitat. The project is also needed to provide for additional seasonal National Park Service, concessioner, and partner RV administrative sites.

The EA/AEF, prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), examines two alternatives: Alternative 1 – No Action and Alternative 2 – Preferred Alternative. The preferred alternative proposes to upgrade and/or replace critical campground infrastructure, including: a new water and waste water system; install up to 50 visitor electric hook ups sites; increase number of administrative campsites; upgrade comfort stations to meet current accessibility standards; construct new shower and laundry facilities for visitor and administrative use; and permanently close two existing campground loops. The campground entry area, including the office, parking area, and dump station, would be realigned and expanded to meet current visitor needs. This alternative also proposes to reduce the existing campground footprint by up to eight acres and revegetate and restore valuable wildlife habitat.

Additional copies of the EA/AEF are available at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in the park and at the Reference Desk in the Teton County Library. The document is also posted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and on the park's website.

If you wish to comment on the EA/AEF, you may mail comments to the name and address below or post comments online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Choose "Grand Teton National Park" or "Plan/Documents Open for Comment," and then click "Comment on Document."

This EA/AEF will be available for public review for 30 days. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold

your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please address written comments to:

Superintendent
Attn: Gros Ventre Campground EA/AEF
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Gibson Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mary Gibson Scott
Superintendent

Enclosure