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FYI. Glad to see they are looking. You may have gotten this from Ben. This was my comment: Excellent. Some great locations. They match a lot of the sites that Eli and I were looking at a few years ago. Have you looked at anything in the West Fork?

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Hello Ben and Jamie,

We are trying to whittle down the list of GB relocation sites on the Bitterroot NF so we are prepared for the next relocation effort. We initially had a list of approximately 25 sites. Most of them were eliminated for political reasons with the State of Idaho and Ravalli County. We are left with a handful of sites in the Sapphire Range. The first choice from last year has since burned in the Trail Fire. We have been operating under the assumption that the Bitterroot Range is off limits which really limits our options.

I've attached a map of the current possible sites along with the spreadsheet. I'd like to know your thoughts on these sites and if any should be eliminated for one reason or another.

Thank you,

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