

Issue Report
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Report Title: Mackay Bar Bridge

Summary: 250 word max

Cheryl Probert, Forest Supervisor for the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest and parts of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness continues to refuse to respond to our request for information concerning access to the Frank Church Wilderness by motor vehicles across the Mackay Bar Pack Bridge.

Wilderness or Wild River: Main Salmon

Management Unit: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest

Administrative Location: Kamiah, Idaho

Head of Administrative Unit: Cheryl Probert, Forest Supervisor

Contact and Agency Response: please grade the agency's response with an A to F letter grade. Comments must support letter grades in each category.

F Responsiveness: how long did it take the agency to respond to your inquiry.

After nearly four months the Forest Supervisor issued a rather cryptic reply to our inquiry. Our request for clarification concerning the issues raised in this letter, despite two follow-up requests, has produced no response. The Regional Forester has been contacted and his assistance requested in addressing these questions.

D Completeness: was your question fully answered.

The response received was contradictory and unclear. Wilderness Report has received no response to our repeated requests for additional clarification.

F Stewardship: are management actions in accord with wilderness values.

The Forest Supervisor has failed to adopt a strong stance on eliminating the use of motor vehicles crossing the Mackay Bar Pack Bridge and part of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Additionally, she has indicated a willingness to allow continued access across designated wilderness by motor vehicles on a permit basis.

F Wilderness: how well is management protecting the wilderness resource.

Wilderness management continues to allow owners to access to a private wilderness inholding by driving motor vehicles across a federally designated wilderness and a federally designated wild river. Management has also allowed, and apparently continues to allow, the public and FS employees to use motor vehicles to access a site upstream of the Mackay Bard Bridge, Bluebird Hole.