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Commissioner Alan Unger:

**RE: Sisters to Black Butte Paved Path**

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce considers the United States Forest Service and the Sisters Ranger District a unique partner in our community. Given that partnership, we are uniting as a board to stand in strong support of the proposed paved path from Black Butte Ranch to Sisters.

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce mission is to provide business advocacy, develop and promote tourism and to provide community support.

The Board of Directors considers our entire trails system a community asset and aligns with the community's goal to minimize the impact of vehicular traffic, to promote pedestrian, bicycle, cross-country skiing and other modes of non-motorized travel. Additional goals are to:

- Increase recreational use of area trails and boost visitation to downtown businesses.
- Provide safe alternative walking and biking routes.
- Support the town's vision of a village atmosphere by reducing traffic congestion and pollution.
- Promote health and wellness for all community members with non-motorized trails for walking, jogging, hiking, biking and horse-back riding.
- Provide a connection to the unique history, heritage and natural beauty of the Sisters community.

We appreciate your thoughtful and considered response to the communities request to reengage in the process, consider and mitigate opponents concerns and build this addition to our current trail system that the community has valued and used for more than a decade.

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce represents 350 businesses and the Board of Directors represents the non-profit, resort, retail. Lodging, restaurant, manufacturing and banking sectors in our community. We appreciate your continued efforts in this matter.

Warm Regards,

Judy Trego

Executive Director

On behalf of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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