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Dear Ms. Jones:

The attached document contains the Forest Service Intermountain Region's response to the questions posed in your August 3, 2020, letter about the proposed introduction of Mountain Goats onto the Logan Ranger District of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

The Forest Service policy recognizes the role of the States to manage wildlife and fish populations within their jurisdictions and the responsibility of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to manage fish and wildlife resources within its authority (Forest Service Manual 2610). However, at this time, the Forest Service does not support the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' proposed introduction of mountain goats on, or adjacent to, Forest Service administered lands. We are concerned about potential effects mountain goats may have on the Logan Canyon Botanical Special Interest Area and the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area.

If you have any question please contact Steve Beverlin, Director of Natural Resources, at steven.beverlin@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Steve Beverlin, Director of Natural Resources, Intermountain Region USFS
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