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Mr. David S. Ekern, Director
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Attention: Mr. Dennis Clark

RE: Alternative Screening #1, US 95 Thorn Creek Rd to Moscow

Dear Mr. Ekern:

Our office concurs in the analyses and recommendations of the first phase alternatives screening process for this project. The following build alternatives will be advanced for detailed study in preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

- W-4 in the Western Corridor
- C-3 in the Central corridor
- E-2 in the Eastern corridor

Subsequent alternatives analysis and screening should evaluate these alternatives in more detail. Furthermore, the No-Build (aka, No-Action) alternative should be established as a baseline of existing conditions.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Ross Blanchard)

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