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Subject: One time use of Special Use Code 351 Residence, Privately Owned Building for Affordable Housing on the Bridger-Teton National Forest

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The Washington Office Lands and Realty Management directorate is in receipt of Region 4, Lands and Minerals Director's request for a use code exception through an Interim Directive. Region 4 has requested an exception to the use of Use Code 351 to build a new privately owned building, for residential purposes on National Forest System lands. The current use code policy does not allow for the authorization of new privately-owned buildings for residential purposes.

FSM 2723.51 - Residence, Privately-Owned Building

Issue only permits for existing, privately-owned, owner-occupied residences. Do not authorize new uses.

This use code exception would allow the Forest Supervisor to authorize the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust (Trust) to construct, renovate, and manage employee housing on existing National Forest System lands on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

The issuance of an Interim Directive (ID) is not recommended for one time requests (FSM 1113.31). ID's are issued for 18 months and renewable for an additional 18 months only before they must expire. ID's issued from the Washington Office are generally service wide issuances. The proposed action is not being considered as a national program that would warrant an ID. We are, therefore, denying the request for the issuance of an ID for the proposed use.

We will however approve a one-time exception to the use of Use Code 351 under FSM 2723.51 Residence, Privately-Owned Building for this proposed project only, on the Bridger-Teton National Forest only. This use code will be used as the citing authority to authorize this proposal for a maximum term of 30 years with the right to renew. Once the leasing directives are finalized, you may also utilize the provisions within those directives as you see fit to advance your proposed project.

If you have any questions, please contact Elrand Denson, Lands Special Uses Program Manager, at (202) 644-5974, or by email at edenson@fs.fed.us, or Matthew Fountain at (202) 313-2119, or by email at mattfountain@fs.fed.us.


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