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Re: Counterpart Funding for Project PIMS 4207, "Strengthening National Capacities for the Operationalization, Consolidation, and Sustainability of Belize's Protected Areas System"

Dear Ms. Blokhuis,

This letter serves to confirm that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Forest Department have reviewed and endorsed the proposed GEF MSP titled, , "**Strengthening National Capacities for the Operationalization, Consolidation, and Sustainability of Belize's Protected Areas System**".

The Forest Department commits a total of fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000 USD) (**in-kind- \$31,000, cash- \$25,000**) as support to the adaptive management of proposed initiative and the delivery of Components 1 & 2 which addresses legislative review for enhanced protected areas policy environment. The Forest Department anticipates that the planned initiative will result in improved management effectiveness as well as a strengthening of the national protected areas system. The Forest Department looks forward to a favorable outcome from the Global Environment Facility review process and commits its full support to the successful execution of the above mentioned project.

Sincerely,


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for Chief Forest Officer
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