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Date: October 9, 2007

Dear Friends:

This letter is to inform you of my decision for the Dewitt Water Pipeline Rehabilitation/Replacement Project located in lower Logan Canyon in Cache County, Utah. After considerable review of the environmental analysis, my decision is to authorize the relocation and rehabilitation of the Dewitt Water Pipeline under a new Special Use Permit to the City of Logan. Although the pipeline and spring development have been under a Forest Service Special Use Permit since their inception, a new permit is necessary to authorize the pipeline construction in the new location. My decision also authorizes the pipeline's operation and maintenance.

My decision includes implementation of Alternative 3, the North Alignment Alternative (proposed action) which would relocate a portion of the pipeline on the north side of the highway. Alternative 3 reduces the number of river and highway crossings as compared to other alternatives and provides the best overall placement of the rehabilitated pipeline. My decision strives to balance the need of the City of Logan to provide a reliable and safe drinking water source for its residents with the need to ensure continued protection of resources in the Logan River canyon.

The Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impacts are enclosed. The Environmental Assessment is available on the Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/>. If you are unable to access the website or need a hard copy, please call the Logan Ranger District at (435) 755-3620.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in the project during the comment period may appeal. Appeals must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the publication of the legal notice in the Salt Lake Tribune. This date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Timeframe information from other sources should not be relied on. Incorporation of documents by reference is not allowed. The Appealing Deciding Officer is the Regional Forester. Appeals must be sent to: Appealing Deciding Officer, Regional Forester, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401; or by fax to (801) 625-5277; or by email to: appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Emailed appeals must be submitted in rich text (rtf), word (doc) or portable document format to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

/S/ FAYE KRUEGER

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Forest Supervisor

