

File code: 1950

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

For the Bull Creek, Cow Creek, Macho, Soldier Creek, and Valle Osha Allotment Management Plans, I have decided to select Alternative 3 (Proposed Action). The reasons for my decisions are attached in the enclosed Decision Notices. I have determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment, as explained in the enclosed Finding of No Significant Impact. In making my decision, I considered the substantive comments received during the Notice and Comment period and the environmental consequences analyzed in the Environmental Assessment (attached).

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. Appeals must be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Albuquerque Journal. The publication date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal (36 CFR 215.15(a)); those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. Individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period may appeal (36 CFR 215.6).

Appeals should be submitted to: Gilbert Zepeda, Appeal Deciding Officer / Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505; 505-438-7834 (fax); or e-mailed to: [appeals-southwestern-santafe@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-southwestern-santafe@fs.fed.us) (.doc, .rtf, or .txt). Hand-delivered comments may be delivered to the Santa Fe National Forest at 1474 Rodeo Road in Santa Fe between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may begin on, but not before, the 5<sup>th</sup> business day following the close of the appeal-filing period. If an appeal(s) is filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15<sup>th</sup> business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH G. REDDAN  
District Ranger  
Enclosures