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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Juel:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed on behalf of WildWest Institute and Alliance for the Wild Rockies regarding the Frenchtown Face Ecosystem Restoration Record of Decision (ROD) on the Lolo National Forest.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.18 to ensure the analysis and decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, including your arguments, the information referenced in the Forest Supervisor's May 23, 2006, transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letter provides the specific page references to discussions in the ROD and project file, which bear upon your objections. I specifically incorporate in this decision the appeal record, the references and citations contained in the transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and recommends the Forest Supervisor's decision be reversed.

I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections. I find the Forest Supervisor's soils analysis for the Frenchtown Face Ecosystem Restoration ROD to be inadequate.



After careful consideration of the above factors, I reverse the Forest Supervisor's decision to implement the Frenchtown Face Ecosystem Restoration project.

My decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen A. McAllister
KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER
Appeal Deciding Officer

Enclosures (1)

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