

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Forest  
Service

Region 1

Federal Building  
P.O. Box 7669  
Missoula, MT 59807

Reply to: 1570 (215)  
#97-01-00-00041

Date:

Natalie Shapiro  
P.O. Box 625  
Boise, ID 83701

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Shapiro:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.17, I have reviewed the Appeal Record for the Powell District Ranger's Decision Memo for the Mire Creek Thinning Timber Sale on the Clearwater National Forest. I have also considered the recommendation of the Appeal Reviewing Officer (copy enclosed) regarding the disposition of your appeal. He recommends the decision be reversed.

DECISION

I reverse the District Ranger's decision as it fails to meet Forest Service Handbook direction for use of a Categorical Exclusion.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen A. McCallister

KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER  
Appeal Deciding Officer  
Deputy Regional Forester

Enclosure