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Mr. Steve Hicks
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

This letter is my decision on your March 18, 2000, appeal of Lolo National Forest Supervisor Austin's February 18, 2000, decision.

My review was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 251.87(b)(1). My responsibility as Reviewing Officer is to ensure that the analysis and the decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and orders. This review decision hereby incorporates, by reference, the entire administrative appeal record. My review is conducted on the existing record.

The Forest Supervisor has appropriately identified and addressed your issues in her decision letter and responsive statement, and I will not reiterate them here.

I affirm the Forest Supervisor's decision to issue a Special Use Permit to access and to conduct mineral testing on Kenton Lewis' mineral properties.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 251.87(e)(1), this decision is subject to discretionary review by the Chief of the Forest Service; otherwise, this is the final administrative determination of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary A. Morrison

GARY A. MORRISON
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