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Dear Ms. Johnson:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed on behalf of Native Ecosystems Council and Skip Mathewson regarding the Keystone-Quartz Ecosystem Management Plan Record of Decision (ROD) on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and recommends the District Ranger's decision be reversed and your requested relief be granted.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.17 to ensure the analysis and decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, your arguments, the information referenced in the District Ranger's March 4, 2002, transmittal letter (copy enclosed), and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letter provides specific page references to discussions in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), 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.

Based upon a review of the references and citations provided by the District Ranger, I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections.

I reverse the District Ranger's decision to implement the Keystone-Quartz Ecosystem Management Plan. Your requested relief is granted.



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  
Deputy Regional Forester

Enclosures (2)