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To: Appeal Reviewing Officer, Gary A. Morrison

In accordance with 36 CFR 251.95 (c) I am hereby submitting additional information for your consideration in deciding the Stratton Mill appeal. This statement provides information requested by you on 14 allegations the Appellant asserts in his appeal. These allegations are identified in a 1570 letter dated November 29, 2000.

The original appeal record currently resides in the Regional Office. In order to answer these allegations by Mr. Stratton, I have added documents 621 through 627 to the project record. I have sent hard copies of these documents to Margaret Walker in the Regional Office to be included in the original appeal record. I am enclosing a copy of the revised appeal record index.

Mr. Stratton audiotape recorded meetings on May 23, 1997 (Volume 6, Doc. 448) and June 20, 1997 (Volume 6, Doc. 455) between himself and the Forest Service. Ranger Godbolt requested copies of the tape recordings from these two meetings (Volume 6, Doc. 456). Mr. Stratton told Mr. Goldbolt the tapes were being duplicated, but he could not release any evidence until he was advised to do so (Volume 6, Doc. 476). Forest Supervisor Austin offered to listen to the tapes with Dave Stratton if he felt he had been treated unfairly (Volume 7, Doc. 558). The Forest has not received copies of the tapes as of the date of this letter.

Decision Documentation Responding to Appellant's allegations

Allegation 1: The District Ranger and Assistant Ranger publicly and falsely announced through numerous newspaper articles and briefing documents that Appellant was a trespasser on the public land before any studies were conducted.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 1:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 5, Doc. 397	Letter from Grant Godbolt to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton dated 12/3/91 informing them they need to obtain a special use permit for the use and occupancy of the area, and without this permit, they are illegally using National Forest land.



APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 6, Doc. 481	Briefing paper dated 7/28/97 stating the Stratton family is living illegally on NFS lands. The paper talks about cabin occupancy trespass in general terms. The paper was used to brief the Congressional delegation and was available to the public.
Volume 6, Doc. 486	Montana Standard newspaper article dated 8/12/97 on Strattons occupying National Forest lands. The article says Godbolt considers the Strattons an “occupancy trespass case”, but did not directly quote Mr. Godbolt.
Volume 6, Doc. 489	Associated Press on-line story dated 8/14/97
Volume 6, Doc. 490	Billings Gazette newspaper article dated 8/15/97 on Stratton occupancy issue. The article says Godbolt considers the Strattons an “occupancy trespass case”, but did not directly quote Godbolt.
Volume 6, Doc. 492	Letter to the editor written by Grant Godbolt dated 8/17/97 and printed in the Montana Standard newspaper.
Volume 6, Doc. 512	Briefing Paper dated 9/12/97 on Stratton Family occupancy. States settlement agreements are a tool to use with trespass occupants. The paper was used to brief the Congressional delegation and was available to the public.
Volume 6, Doc. 522	Letter to the editor of The Butte Weekly from Dave Stratton dated 9/25/97 alleging Grant Godbolt “continues to state that our family is blatantly trespassing on Forest Service land.”
Volume 6, Doc. 527	Letter to the editor of The Butte Weekly from Deborah Austin dated 9/29/97.
Volume 7, Doc. 542	Letter from Deborah Austin to George Gordon dated 11/18/97 saying the forest was hoping to work with the Strattons on a review to see if they’re entitled to occupy the land under the mining laws.
Volume 7, Doc. 549	Letter from Deborah Austin to editor of the Montana Standard regarding newspaper article dated 12/18/97.
Volume 7, Doc. 550	Newspaper article in the Montana Standard dated 12/18/97.
Volume 7, Doc. 561	Letter from Deborah Austin to Dave Stratton dated 2/3/98 regarding media contacts on the Stratton case.

There are references to the Stratton family illegally using National Forest lands and statements from the Montana Standard that Mr. Godbolt considered the Strattons an “occupancy trespass case”. Two briefing statements address the illegal occupancy of NFS lands by the Strattons. These statements also provide information on the history of the Stratton case and why they were considered to be illegally occupying NFS lands.

Allegation 2: *The historic sign stating “Stratton Mill 7 Miles” was removed and replaced before any studies were conducted.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Contention 2:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 7, Doc. 540	Letter from Dave Stratton to Grant Godbolt dated 11/3/97 regarding “Stratton Mill” sign.
Volume 7, Doc. 543	Letter from Grant Godbolt to Dave Stratton dated 11/19/97 on the “Stratton Mill” sign and why the sign had not been replaced prior to the date of this letter. Includes page from sign handbook on sign wording.
Volume 8, Doc. 624	Jefferson Ranger District sign records for signs 1N6W18-1 and 1N6W18-3.
Volume 8, Doc. 622	Memo from Pat Barringer to the Regional Office dated 11/20/00 responding to allegations raised in the appeal.

The sign containing the wording “Strattons Mill” was damaged during the winter of 1996 – 1997 when a vehicle hit the sign and broke it into two pieces. (Volume 8, Doc. 622). This sign was a Forest Service sign and is entered on the district’s sign inventory (Volume 8, Doc. 624). Mr. Godbolt wrote Mr. Stratton a letter regarding the sign. With this letter he provided Mr. Stratton direction from the Forest Service Handbook FSHB-EM-7100-15, Standards for Forest Service Signs and Posters. The direction is “Use only those destination names that are significant and that are shown on Forest Service maps.” (Volume 7, Doc. 543) Since the Stratton mill site is not a destination point on the Deerlodge Forest Visitor/Travel map, Mr. Godbolt felt signing was not appropriate at the time. The sign was later replaced in 1998. The new sign contains wording for Pigeon Creek Campground and Highland City.

Allegation 3: *Forest employee Dan Avery used the Surface Use Determination as a threat and insisted that Appellant’s mother sign over her personal property while under severe pressure and duress by a group of Forest Service employees.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 3:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 7, Doc. 578	Letter from Regional Forester to Dave Stratton dated 7/31/98 saying Forest Service employees have treated the Strattons in a professional manner.
Volume 7, Doc. 579	Letter from U.S. Attorney Matteucci to Dave Stratton dated 8/10/98 informing him he is not required to “gift” his personal property to the F.S.
Volume 7, Doc. 585	Letter from Forest Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 9/15/98 agreeing with Matteucci’s statement about Stratton not

	being required to “gift” his property to the F.S.
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We have no record indicating Mr. Avery used the SUD as a threat. We also have no record indicating Mr. Avery insisted the Appellant’s mother sign over her personal property while under severe pressure and duress by a group of Forest Service employees. A letter from the Regional Forester (signed by Linda Goodman) to Dave Stratton tells Mr. Stratton, “Forest Service employees have treated you and your family in a professional manner and are following Forest Service policy and manual direction in their review of your family’s use and occupancy of National Forest System lands.” (Volume 7, Doc. 578). Forest Supervisor Austin informed Mr. Stratton in a letter dated 9/15/98 (Volume 7, Document 585) that Mr. Avery provided information to Mr. Stratton to assist him in preparing for a Surface Use Determination.

Allegation 4: Pat Barringer declared her group has never lost a land battle and considers the preservation of the Stratton Mill to be one of her personal land battles.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 4:

We have no record indicating Ms. Barringer made the above comments.

Allegation 5: The land trade was officially proposed and had a predetermined outcome; the group conducting the land trade refused to follow Federal Land Trade procedures; and the public was not allowed to be involved even though thousands of public citizens sent letters and signed petitions supporting the land trade and the preservation of the Stratton mill.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 5:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 6, Doc. 456	Letter from Ranger Godbolt to Dave Stratton dated 6/23/97 saying the land exchange was not in the best interest of the public. Also asks Stratton to submit his proposal for an exchange in writing.
Volume 6, Doc. 491	Letter from Ranger Godbolt to Dave Stratton dated 8/15/97 requesting additional information on the lands Stratton proposed for exchange
Volume 6, Doc. 494	Letter from Regional Forster to Dave Stratton dated 8/20/97 concurring with Supervisor Austin that it appears the exchange is not in the public interest.
Volume 6, Doc. 525	Letter from Supervisor Austin to Rick Hill dated 9/26/97 saying the Forest is fully investigating the proposed land exchange.
Volume 7, Doc. 558	Letter from Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 1/26/98 saying she has asked for a full study of the proposed land exchange
Land Exchange 1977-2/98	Letter from Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 8/13/97

Volume, Doc. 7	saying she will direct resource specialists to further investigate the merits of the exchange proposal
Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 10	Newspaper article in the Montana Standard dated 8/28/97 regarding the proposed land exchange.
Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 15	Memo from Ranger Godbolt to resource specialists dated 9/19/97 stating specialists reports will be needed to fully evaluate the Stratton's proposed land exchange.
Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 50	Letter from Supervisor Austin to Max Baucus dated 1/30/98 stating the decision on the land exchange will be based on the facts and not on any personal agendas or whims.
Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Docs. 19, 22, 23, 27, 28, 45, 63	Specialist reports on the proposed land exchange
Land Exchange 3/98 - 2000 Volume, Doc. 70	Letter from Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 3/30/98 saying she will use the specialists' reports in determining whether or not to proceed with the land exchange.
Land Exchange 3/98 - 2000 Volume, Doc. 79	Letter from Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 6/5/98 issuing her decision not to move forward with the land exchange proposal.
Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 54	Memo from Jane Darnell, Regional Lands Specialist to Forest Supervisor Austin dated 2/3/98 - provides information on public interest determination for land exchanges; manual references on land exchanges; and CFR references for land exchanges

The record contains several letters from the Forest to Mr. Stratton requesting information on his proposal for a land exchange. The letters also demonstrate that Supervisor Austin completed a thorough study of the land exchange before issuing her decision not to proceed. She tells Mr. Stratton in her 3/30/98 letter (Land Exchange 3/98 – 2000 Volume, Doc. 70) she will use the specialists' reports in determining whether or not to proceed with the land exchange. This demonstrates the outcome was not pre-determined. The Montana Standard newspaper article dated 8/28/97 (Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 10) said Stratton said he was less anxious because Debbie Austin had listened to his cause. The article also quoted Mr. Stratton as saying "We are grateful for Debbie. She's been very cordial and she is going to help us follow the correct procedures." Forest Supervisor Austin received policy information, manual direction, and CFR references from the Regional Office to assist her in the land exchange issue. The information provided by the Regional Office included a key concept: "Public involvement is only required to complete an exchange – no public involvement is required to deny an exchange." (Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 54). .

Allegation 6: Tom Heintz (Acting Forest Supervisor) stated the Forest Service would not destroy the Stratton Mill, but the Forest Service was going to force Appellant to leave and if he took his personal property he would be destroying the Stratton mill and not the Forest Service. Appellant asserts Mr. Heintz made this statement before any studies were conducted and that this statement shows that the Beaverhead Deerlodge Forest Service thinks they have found a loophole in the Historic Preservation laws.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 6:

We have no record indicating Mr. Heintz made the above statements.

Allegation 7: *Pat Barringer stated she was going to make Appellant’s home a rental cabin and later said that she would maybe take out the windows and let it rot. She made these statements before any studies were conducted.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 7:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 5, Doc. 405	Notes on the Stratton Mill prepared by Jo Ellis, date unknown. They state the Forest Service has no desire to acquire the Stratton’s building so they can be used for rental cabins.
Volume 7, Doc. 562	Responsive statement prepared by Dan Avery dated 2/12/98 that addresses various statements made by the Strattons.

Jo Ellis was the minerals specialist on the Jefferson Ranger District in 1991. He sent notes to Forest Supervisor Elsbernd on the Stratton Mill. In his notes he says the Forest Service has no desire to acquire the Stratton’s building so they can be used for rental cabins. Mr. Avery prepared a responsive statement to address several statements made by the Strattons. One of these statements by Vady Stratton says she heard the Forest Service wanted to remove them (the Strattons) so the Forest Service could turn their house into rental property. Mr. Avery responded that at one point, this information might have been passed on to the Strattons, without basis. Since then, however, the Forest Service has assured the Strattons that this is not the case. (Volume 7, Doc. 562).

Allegation 8: *Grant Godbolt disclosed that the directive from the Region One office was to remove the historic Stratton Mill.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 8:

We have no record indicating Mr. Godbolt made the above statement, nor do we have any record of the R.O. issuing a directive to remove the Stratton Mill.

Allegation 9: *The Forest Service rejected Stratton’s homestead application because the Forest Service thought it might want to build a sawmill there someday.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 9:

Please reference the decision documentation for Contention #3 in my first responsive statement dated 9/1/2000, file designation 1570 (251 Appeal).

Allegation 10: *Appellant has not been informed of the status of the investigation of a small group of Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Service employees in regard to this case.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 10:

Please reference the decision documentation for Contention #5 in my first responsive statement dated 9/1/2000, file designation 1570 (251 Appeal).

Allegation 11: *The list of items to be removed listed in the decision is outdated and the time schedules for compliance with the decision are unrealistic. Appellant is not going to destroy 130 years of history and heritage in a few months.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 11:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 2, Doc. 129	Special Use Inspection Report, dated 12/7/71, noting old equipment that needed to be cleaned up
Volume 2, Doc. 138	Letter from Ranger Uivary to Howard Stratton dated 12/20/73 telling Strattons to remove machinery, unused items, and old cars from the National Forest
Volume 2, Doc. 139	Meeting notes dated 3/7/74 – meeting between Forest Service and Howard Stratton – gave Mr. Stratton 1 year to remove cars, junk, and old buildings from the National Forest
Volume 2, Doc. 140	Note from Thomas Fick to the files dated 6/19/74 regarding the number of old cars still at the mill site
Volume 2, Doc. 145	Note from Thomas Fick to the files dated 12/12/74 regarding meeting with Howard Stratton when they discussed cleaning up the area
Volume 2, Doc. 171	Letter from Ranger Uivary to Howard Stratton dated 4/13/76 telling Mr. Stratton to remove old cars and trucks by 9/1/77 and miscellaneous junk by 8/1/76.
Volume 2, Doc. 172	Letter from Forest Supervisor Damon to Howard Stratton dated 5/10/76 regarding cleaning up the site
Volume 2, Doc. 181	Letter from Ranger Uivary to Howard to Stratton dated 12/3/76 telling Mr. Stratton the junk at the site needs to be cleaned up
Volume 3, Doc. 199	Show-cause letter from Forest Supervisor Mecklenburg to Howard Stratton dated 5/20/77 regarding termination of Stratton’s Special Use Permit – includes a notice about the junk at the site
Volume 3, Doc. 202	Notes from Ranger Uivary dated 6/27/77 regarding meeting with Howard Stratton and Deputy County Attorney from silver Bow County – discussion topic was the need for Howard Stratton to clean up the junk at the mill site
Volume 3, Doc. 214	Letter from Regional Forester Torheim to Howard Stratton dated

	2/9/78 revoking the Special Use Permit. Letter also lists the Forest Service's numerous attempts to get Mr. Stratton to clean up the junk at the site.
Volume 3, Doc. 236	Notes from meeting dated 8/30/78 regarding meeting between Ranger Uivary and Howard Stratton where Mr. Stratton was told the area had to be cleaned up before a Plan of Operations would be approved.
Volume 4, Doc. 281	Letter from Ranger Uivary to Howard Stratton dated 9/11/79 following up on agreements made to remove the old cars and junk from the site
Volume 4, Doc. 282	Signature page of letter (Doc. 281) dated 10/22/79 – Howard Stratton signed, agreeing to the terms of the 9/11/79 letter (Doc. 281).
Volume 4, Doc. 297	Letter from Ranger Uivary to Howard Stratton dated 11/2/79 acknowledging the start of the clean up
Volume 4, Doc. 299	Memo from Engineering Tech. Boster to the files dated 11/5/79 noting the items that had been cleaned up
Volume 4, Doc. 303	Memo from Engineering Tech. Boster to the files dated 11/15/79 noting progress was being made on the clean up
Volume 4, Doc. 311	Memo from Engineering Tech. Boster to the files dated 12/3/79 noting clean up was only 50% completed
Volume 4, Doc. 331	Memo from Engineering Tech. Boster to the files dated 7/23/80 noting no clean up had been completed at the site since the Fall of 1979
Volume 4, Doc. 337	Memo from Engineering Tech. Boster to the files dated 10/8/80 noting clean up was 90% completed
Volume 5, Doc. 375	Memo from Pat Barringer to the files dated 9/6/89 regarding visit to the site by Ranger Seimans and Ms. Barringer. The Strattons were requested to clean up the junk and haul away the unusable equipment.
Volume 5, Doc. 379	Memo from Pat Barringer to the files dated 9/20/90. Ms. Barringer spoke with Howard Stratton and asked him to clean up the junk at the site and haul away the vehicles that did not run.
Volume 5, Doc. 416	Letter from Ranger Godbolt to Howard Stratton dated 7/22/92 asking Mr. Stratton to remove the junk from the site
Volume 5, Doc. 417	Letter from Ranger Godbolt to Howard Stratton dated 7/24/92 listing the items that needed to be removed within a 4-month timeframe
Volume 7, Doc. 561	Letter from Forest Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 2/3/98 referencing 40 entries from 1953 to 1992 discussing problems with the mill site, the majority of which related to problems with unnecessary items on site.
Volume 8, Doc. 603	Letter from Forest Supervisor Kaiser to Dave Stratton dated 3/24/00 providing timeframes for removal of materials, equipment, and structures from the National Forest.

Numerous attempts have been made by the Forest Service between 1971 and 1992 to get the Strattons to clean up the unusable equipment, vehicles, structures, and materials from the mill site. I have provided reference to 24 of these attempts. Forest Supervisor Austin raised this issue again with Mr. Dave Stratton in a letter dated February 3, 1998 (Volume 7, Doc. 561). In my decision letter dated March 24, 2000, I provided Mr. Stratton with a list of items that needed

to be removed by September 30, 2000. I feel 6 months was a reasonable time for him to remove those items. I also gave him until August 31, 2001 to remove the remaining materials, equipment, and structures on the National Forest that were not identified for removal by the September 30 deadline. I gave Mr. Stratton 17 months to complete this removal. I also told Mr. Stratton that some of the items listed in my letter might have already been removed or sold.

Allegation 12: Strattons are continuing reclamation of the site along with the operations as per their approved Plan of Operations.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 12:

Please reference the decision documentation for Contention #2 in my first responsive statement dated 9/1/2000, file designation 1570 (251 Appeal).

In addition to that documentation, please reference the following items:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
SUD, pages 1; 45-50;	Summary and conclusions; Evaluation of surface use

Chapter V of the Surface Use Determination evaluates the surface use of the Stratton site. It evaluates three different stages of operations: lode mining; placer mining; and milling; and provides the following information on each stage.

Lodge Mining Stage: The last hard rock mining and milling activity involving Stratton family property apparently took place during the late 1970's and in early 1980's.

Placer Mining Stage: DEQ records indicate that placer mining has not taken place on the property since 1991.

Milling Stage: It has been almost 20 years since any documented milling activity at the Stratton mill site. Observations outside of the buildings support the assessment that there has not been any milling activity at the site for at least several years, probably longer. Most of the equipment that is outside of the buildings is in disrepair and probably not usable.

The SUD concluded that any use the Stratton family ever made of the site for milling of ore has been abandoned. The observations are that the mill is in disrepair and probably not intact as described in the 1979 plan, and therefore likely could not process any ore.

The SUD also says "The management requirements and constraints regarding reclamation, specified in the Forest Service 1979 environmental document prepared for the 1979 Stratton plan of operation, include that all buildings and material not needed in the operation of this mill shall be removed from the site by August 20, 1979, and that the operation is to be bonded in the amount to completely rehabilitate the mill site and insure removal of all equipment and materials from the site if, for any reason, this operation is not put into production."

The Forest Appeals and Litigation Specialist spoke with Ray TeSoro on January 25, 2001 regarding reclamation. Mr. TeSoro said he observed no active, ongoing reclamation at the mill site while he was preparing the surface use determination on September 17-18, 1998; October 13-15, 1998; and October 27, 1998.

Allegation 13: The Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest has refused to discuss, propose, outline, explore, plan or talk about any preservation of the Stratton mill. Appellant asserts that Forest employees Pat Barringer and Grant Godbolt want to destroy this rare piece of history.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 13:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 6, Doc. 505	Letter from Forest Supervisor Austin to Conrad Burns dated 9/2/97 discussing cultural resource studies at the site
Land Exchange 1977-2/98 Volume, Doc. 62	Letter from Forest Supervisor Austin to Governor Racicot dated 2/11/98 regarding historical significance of the Stratton millsite
Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 1	Report titled “Stratton Mill (24SB611): A Cultural Resource Inventory and National Register Evaluation” dated 9/99
Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 3	Letter from Sandra Morris to the Director of the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation dated 9/30/99 regarding the historical significance of the Stratton Mill
Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 4	Letter from Sandra Morris to the Montana SHPO dated 10/14/99 initiating formal HNPA Section 106 review for the Stratton Occupancy Case.
Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 5	Message from Sandra Morris to Acting Forest Supervisor Timchak and Ranger Godbolt dated 10/26/99 informing them the SHPO concurred with the Forest Service’s recommendation on site significance

Forest Supervisor Austin told Conrad Burns in a letter dated September 2, 1997 that the Forest Service would work with the Montana State Historic Preservation Office to reach agreement on National Register of Historic Places significance. Ms. Austin also informed Governor Racicot in a letter dated February 11, 1998, “As long as this land is in Federal ownership, the site will enjoy a degree of Federal protection, under the National Historical Preservation Act.” She also acknowledged this property – the Stratton’s millsite at Roaring Brook – is historically significant.

Sandra Morris, North Zone Archeologist, prepared a cultural resource inventory and National Register evaluation for the Stratton Mill (Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 1). She concluded the site is individually eligible for the National Register under Criterion A, C, and possibly D. She said the site also might contribute to the second period of significance for the Highland Historic Mining District.

Ms. Morris wrote a letter to Don Klima, Director of the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on September 30, 1999 (Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 3). She addresses the eligibility of the Stratton Mill to the National Register. She also talks about mitigation ideas in the event of an adverse effect. These included additional research on the Highland District, videotaping at the millsite, 35mm photography, scale and architectural drawings and/or oral history involving the Stratton family. She also notes the Forest Service had initiated informal consultation with the Montana SHPO. She said the Forest Service hoped to involve the Stratton family as cooperators in historic preservation issues and/or mitigation.

On October 14, 1999, Ms. Morris submitted documentation to the Montana SHPO initiating formal National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review for the Stratton case (Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 4).

On October 26, 1999, Ms. Morris sent a message to Acting Forest Supervisor Timchak and Ranger Godbolt informing them the SHPO concurred with the Forest Service’s findings on significance of the Stratton site as eligible for the National Register (Cultural Data Volume, Doc. 5).

The Forest has conducted extensive surveys of the Stratton site. These surveys indicated the site was eligible for the National Register. The Forest initiated consultation with the SHPO and gained their concurrence. The North Zone Archeologist proposed mitigation that would directly involve the Stratton in preserving the history of the mill site.

Allegation 14: Former Forest Supervisor Deborah Austin ordered Rangers escorted with Forest Service law enforcement armed with loaded weapons to the door of Appellant’s mother’s house, placing his mother’s life in danger, and causing her to seek medical and physiological (sic) treatment. Appellant asserts that this occurred after the Forest Supervisor received a No Trespass Order from appellant.

Decision Documentation Addressing Allegation 14:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 7, Doc. 580	Message from Ray Tesoro to Dan Avery and Forest Supervisor Austin dated 8/11/98 regarding no need for law enforcement officers to accompany the mineral examiners.
Volume 7, Doc. 583	Letter from Dave Stratton to Ray Tesoro dated 9/9/98 postponing the SUD until June 1999.
Volume 7, Doc. 584	Letter from Dave Stratton to Ray Tesoro dated 9/9/98 issuing a No Trespass Order for the Stratton’s building and other personal property located at the Stratton Mill.
Volume 7, Doc. 585	Letter from Forest Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton dated 9/15/98 saying she was directing the mineral examiners to proceed with the SUD on 9/17/98
Volume 8, Doc. 625	Message from Law Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Roundy to

	Cindy Tencick dated 1/17/01 regarding his presence at the Stratton Mill site
Volume 8, Doc. 626	Message from Law Enforcement Officer Linsey Strickland to Law Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Roundy dated 1/18/01 regarding his presence at the Stratton Mill site.
Volume 8, Doc. 627	Message from Law Enforcement Officer Jeffrey Roundy to Cindy Tencick dated 1/19/01 regarding Law Enforcement Officer Rich King's presence at the Stratton Mill site.

Dave Stratton wrote a letter to mineral examiner Ray Tesoro dated September 9, 1998 saying he was postponing the surface use determination scheduled for September 15, 1998. Mr. Stratton then issued a No Trespass Order on September 9, 1998 to Ray Tesoro for Stratton's buildings and other personal property located at the Stratton Mill. Mr. Tesoro was scheduled to begin the Surface Use Determination on the Stratton mill beginning September 14, 1998. Prior to the issuance of the order, Mr. Tesoro wrote a message to Forest Supervisor Austin and Dan Avery saying he did not think he would have any problems with the use determination. Therefore, Mr. Tesoro did not see a need to have an LEO accompany the mineral examiners.

Ms. Austin informed Mr. Stratton on September 15, 1998 she was not postponing the surface use determination and Mr. Tesoro was to proceed with the SUD on September 17, 1998. In that letter she told Mr. Stratton "We have never planned, nor will we ever plan, to storm your home, nor do we wish any harm to come to your mother, or anyone else."

Three Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) and one Special Agent were stationed on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge during the period in question. The LEO's were Jeffrey Roundy, Linsey Strickland, and Rick King. The Special Agent was Joe Sologub. Jeffrey Roundy was in the Pigeon Creek Campground area on September 17, 1998. He said he drove down the canyon and past the Stratton house and turned around, but he was not on the Stratton Mill site. Mr. Roundy said he spoke with Mr. Sologub and Mr. Sologub said he never went to the door of Stratton's house and did not recollect if anyone from law enforcement ever did. (Volume 8, Doc. 625).

Linsey Strickland said "At no time did I accompany any Forest Service Representative to the Stratton alleged (sic) property for any meeting with the residents. I was kept informed when F.S. representatives were going to the home property and to the proposed exchange property to conduct meetings. In fact the option of me being with them was discussed but deemed unnecessary as all felt enforcement officers presents (sic) would only escalate (sic) the problem. To my knowledge no other F.S. Officer including Sologub acted as escort." (Volume 8, Doc. 626).

Mr. Roundy said in a message dated 1/19/01 "Rich (King) said he had no dealings with them." This statement refers to dealings with the Strattons. (Volume 8, Doc. 627).

Should you have questions regarding the information presented in this letter please contact Cindy Tencick, Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, at (406) 683-3930.

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ENCLOSURE:
SURFACE USE DETERMINATION MOONLIGHT AND LAST CHANCE MILL APPEAL
RECORD INDEX

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CARLA DOLSMAN, R.O.

Administrative Record

Appeal # 00-01-00-0100

Stratton

Volume 1. 1912-1965

Doc #	# pgs	Document Date	Author	Description
1	1	3/7/12	Kiermeyer, Forest Ranger	Letter to Forest Supervisor asking for homestead application for Mr. Stratton.
2	5	3/14/12	W.F. Stratton	Application under act of June 11, 1906, asking to homestead along Fish Creek bottom. Map enclosed.
3	1	4/20/12	J.W. Streit, Acting Asst. Dist. Forester	Letter to W.F. Stratton saying his application was received and will be reviewed.
4	1	5/23/12	J.W. Streit, Acting Asst. Dist. Forester	Letter to Forest Supervisor, correcting the numbering of applications.
5	1	10/19/12	Acting Supervisor	Letter to W.F. Stratton saying he'll examine the homestead application Oct. 21.
6	1	11/1/12	S.A. Wallace	Map sheet denoting Fish Creek Ranger Station at junction of Fish Creek and Roaring Fork.
7	1	12/2/12	Kiermeyer, Forest Ranger	Letter to Forest Supervisor saying he no longer wants the land in question because it's taking too long. He built elsewhere.
8	1	3/11/13	R. Ferguson, Acting Forest Sup.	Report on Forest Homestead Application.
9	1	3/11/13	S.A. Wallace, Asst. Ranger	Power Possibilities of Tracts Applied For.
10	3	4/19/13	L.C. Stockdale, Forest Supervisor	Supplement to Report 110. The land applied for is needed as an administrative site, posted in 1910.
11	2	4/29/13	D.T. Mason, Acting District Forester	Letter to W.F. Stratton saying his homestead application is rejected.
12	2	9/14/39	Unknown	Special Use Permit, unsigned.
13	2	9/14/39	Stratton Brothers	Special Use Application for dam, flume, sawmill site, and some buildings.
14	2	9/15/39	R.E. Dickinson District Ranger	Approved Report on Applications for Special Use Permits. Stratton Brothers. Six acres for a sawmill and living quarters, with associated buildings and equipment.
15	1	10/11/39	C.A. Joy, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers sending special use permit for their signature.
16	2	10/13/39	Unknown	Photos of the Stratton Complex

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17	5	10/16/39	L.M. Stewart, Acting For. Supervisor	Special Use Permit issued to Stratton Brothers for sawmill, shed, cabin, barn, garage, toilet, garbage pit, diversion dam, lumber flume, and pelton wheel.
18	2	'39 - '43	R.A. Watters	Special use inspection report for Stratton Brothers sawmill.
19	1	2/14/46	Linthacum	Office memo. One of the Stratton Brothers came to the Supervisor's Office asking for a permit to add residences near the mill. He was promised a study will be made.
20	1	2/15/46	V.T. Linthacum, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers, sending draft special use permit authorizing construction and maintenance of the chopper's cabin and sanitation facilities. Asks them to sign and return both copies.
21	2	8/20/46	Warren H. Stillings, for Forest Supervisor	Amendment to Special use permit, labeled, "Superseded by letter of Feb. 17, 1947.
22	2	8/20/46	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use 7/1/46 to 12/31/46. \$22.50.
23	2	8/28/46	Unknown	Inspection Record.
24	1	10/9/46	Warren H. Stillings	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for payment of fees.
25	2	12/1/46	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1947. \$30.00. Reflects amendments of 8/20/46 and 2/17/47.
26	1	2/17/47	Warren H. Stillings, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers, containing amendments to their Special Use Permit.
27	2	12/1/47	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1948. \$30.00.
28	2	12/1/48	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1949. \$30.00.
29	2	12/1/49	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1950. \$30.00.
30	2	11/30/50	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1951. \$30.00.
31	1	11/30/51	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1952. \$30.00.
32	2	11/28/52	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1953. \$30.00.
33	1	11/16/53	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1954. \$30.00.
34	2	12/16/53	G.R. Wolstad, DFR	Letter to Forest Supervisor about the Stratton Brothers Special Use Permit.
35	1	4/22/54	Favre L. Eaton, Acting Forest Supervisor	Memo to Whitehall District Ranger. Addresses his 12/16/53 points.
36	1	9/21/54	John A. Fallman, Forest Supervisor	Memo to George Wolstad, Whitehall District Ranger. Directs ranger to ink in buildings not on the map yet.
37	3	10/19/54	John A. Fallman, Forest Supervisor	Memo to George Wolstad, Whitehall District Ranger. Instructions for correcting a special use application for a schoolhouse. Includes revised map.
38	2	'50 - '54	Forest Service	Inspection Record.
39	1	11/1/54	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1955. \$30.00.

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40	1	11/4/54	G.P. Wetzsteon, for DFR	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking to sign a special use application for modification of their permit to include the school.
41	2	11/10/54	Stratton Brothers	Approved Special Use Application for sawmill site to allow room for the school.
42	2	11/15/54	Loona Magallon	Approved Special Use Application for public grade school.
43	2	11/23/54	Favre L. Eaton, for Forest Supervisor	Special Use Permit for log school building, Fish Creek School District #11.
44	1	12/1/55	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1956. \$30.00.
45	1	6/6/56	William H. Stratton	Letter to George Wolstad. Asks for permits to build snow fence and telephone line.
46	1	6/9/56	George Wolstad, District Ranger	Letter to William H. Stratton. Says the district will get to his application next month.
47	1	12/3/56	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1957. \$30.00.
48	1	12/3/57	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1958. \$30.00.
49	1	12/4/58	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1959. \$30.00.
50	2	7/59	George Wolstad	Inspection Record 1955 through 1959.
51	1	11/24/59	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. New instructions result in charges for two residences and a chicken house of \$55.00 per year. Special Use Permit Amendment #3.
52	1	11/24/59	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1960. \$55.00.
53	1	1/15/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for payment of \$55.00.
54	1	2/10/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for payment of \$55.00.
55	1	2/29/60	B.K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Chicken house has been torn down. Recommend issuing new bill for \$50.00.
56	1	3/9/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. New fee is \$50.00. Statement enclosed.
57	2	3/9/60	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1960. \$50.00.
58	1	3/31/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Mrs. Julia Stratton. Check for \$25.00 marked "Not Sufficient Funds". Please send another.
59	1	12/1/60	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1961. \$50.00.
60	1	1/23/61	Leo J. Revell, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for annual payment.
61	1	12/1/61	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1962. \$55.00.
62	1	1/24/62	Leo J. Revell, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for annual payment.
63	1	8/1/62	Howard Stratton	Letter to "Bill". Saying he would like to move his fence a few hundred feet, then put in a cattle guard and gate.

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64	1	8/6/62	B.K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Sets up time to meet about the proposed fence.
65	5	8/28/62	George W. Richardson	Statement Regarding Mining Claims. Land Office of the BLM.
66	1	8/29/62	Paul J. Pickenheim, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Fence tentatively approved. Asks Howard to make out Special Use application.
67	1	9/4/62	D.R. Pedersen, BLM Land Law Examiner	Letter to Regional Forester enclosing verified statement for Highland Mountain Area, George W. Richardson, Claimant.
68	1	9/5/62	Dale Johnson, BLM Chief, Minerals Adjudication Section	Letter to George W. Richardson about claims filed 8/30/62. Verified Statement Rejected in Part.
69	1	9/7/62	R.W. Manchester, Valuation Engineer	Memo to Gary G. Morrison assigning cases to him for examination.
70	1	9/20/62	Boyd. L. Rasmussen, Regional Forester	Letter to George W. Richardson. Verified statement Mr. Richardson filed has been referred to this office for action. We will need to examine your mining claims.
71	1	9/28/62	Gary G. Morrison	Cross reference to files. Meeting between Richardson and Morrison and Hintzman. 1-SR-134-3, Filed 1-SR-134-2.
72	1	10/30/62	Gary G. Morrison	Memo to files. Met Howard and John Stratton at their claims. Delayed examination of the claims until next spring.
73	1	10/31/62	R.W. Manchester	Memo to Forest Supervisor. On 10/25/62 Gary Morrison and Favre Eaton of the Forest Service met with George Richardson, attorney. Recommended Mr. Howard Stratton and Mr. Eaton meet with Mr. Richardson to sign stipulation, if claimants are willing. Withdrawal stipulation was enclosed.
74	1	Undated	Acting Regional Forester (unsigned)	Stipulation Withdrawing Verified Statement. Document has no date, but references verified statement filed with BLM on 8/30/62.
75	1	12/1/62	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1963. \$55.00.
76	1	3/12/63	Favre L. Eaton	Memo to Ranger Muldowney. Instructions on special use application from Howard Stratton for a drift fence and cattle guard.
77	1	3/13/63	John S. Uivary	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Returning Stratton Brothers Special Use application with map.
78	2	3/13/63	Billy K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Approved Special use application for fence and cattle guard, to Howard Stratton.
79	1	3/15/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers, enclosing Special Use Permit.

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80	4	3/15/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Special Use Permit to Stratton Brothers for drift fence and cattleguard.
81	1	4/2/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen	Cross reference to George Richardson, attorney. Advise that corners for claims will have to be established on the ground for examination purposes. 1-SR-134-3, Filed 1-SR-134-2.
82	1	5/21/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Cross reference to Regional Forester. Date claims would be ready to examine, corners established, etc. 1-SR-134-3, Filed 1-SR-134-2.
83	1	6/26/63	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Gary Morrison will examine 12 mining claims July 10, 1963.
84	1	12/1/63	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1964. \$55.00.
85	1	10/5/64	Margaret Leary, School District Clerk	Letter to Rolf Jorgensen saying the school building under Special Use permit to the district was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Howard Stratton.
86	1	10/13/64	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Ranger Muldowney suggesting he write to Howard Stratton and ask him what his plans are now for the school house, and that it should be authorized by a permit.
87	2	11/2/64	John S. Uivary, for District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor recommending the school house again be made part of the Stratton Brothers permit and that the permit for the schoolhouse be closed. Memo includes map of permit area.
88	1	Undated		A page from Montana Laws, governing location of quartz lode and placer mining claims. Information on mill sites is circled.
89	1	11/9/64	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers amending their Special Use permit to include the area formerly occupied by the schoolhouse.
90	1	11/9/64	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Amendment No. 4 to Stratton Brothers Special Use permit.
91	1	12/1/64	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1965. \$50.00.
92	32	2/12/65	R.W. Manchester and Gary G. Morrison, Valuation Engineers	Report on Mining Claim, transmitted to Forest Supervisor for review and concurrence. Memo, cover sheet, 24-page report, map of claims, claimants, photos, and assays. Marked "Administratively Confidential - Not for Public Inspection."
93	1	2/18/65	B.K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. District reviewed the 2/12/65 report and concurs with the findings and recommendations.

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94	1	2/24/65	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Regional Forester. Ranger Muldowney and this office concur with recommendations of Mr. Morrison's report, and BLM hearings examiner determine the validity of their claims.
95	1	3/2/65	R.W. Manchester	Memo to Morris Hankins, Office of the General Counsel. If you agree that a hearing should be held, follow instructions in the memo.
96	1	4/20/65	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Cross reference. To Office of the General Counsel. Mining claims.
97	1	4/20/65	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Cross reference. To Office of the General Counsel. Two letters. 2810 1-SR-134-3, Filed 2810 1-SR-134-2.
98	1	4/22/65	Attorney in Charge, OGC	Cross reference. To Regional Forester. Mining claims. 2810 1-SR-134-3, Filed 2810 1-SR-134-2.
99	1	4/27/65	E.F. Barry, for Regional Forester	Letter to State Supervisor BLM. Request for a hearing to determine the validity of claims filed on 8/30/62 by George W. Richardson. Enclosed the individual case report and the mineral examiner's report.
100	2	Undated	Unknown	Photos of mining mill claims of Howard Stratton in Fish Creek. By their position in the file, they were possibly included in letter to BLM, 4/27/65.
101	4	4/27/65	E.F. Barry, for Regional Forester	Individual Case Report, Highland Mountain Area, 1-SR-134-3.
102	1	4/29/65	Asst. Regional Forester	Cross reference to Mr. George Richardson. Hearing requested, 2810 1-SR-134-3.
103	2	5/7/65	Kenneth J. Siro, Acting BLM Land Office Manager	Transmittal of Contest or Other Proceeding for Hearing. U.S. through Forest Service vs. George W. Richardson, et al. for surface rights.
104	1	5/18/65	George W. Richardson	Letter to E.F. Barry, asst. Regional Forester. Confirming appointment with Mr. Manchester. I have written Mr. Stratton concerning this also.
105	1	5/19/65	Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge	Letter to Dent B. Dalby, Chief Hearing Examiner. Remove the Jane quartz lode claim from Individual Case Report. Assume Gloria Alice placer, Only Chance lode and Last Chance lode not subject to hearing because they were rejected from the verified statement 9/5/92.
106	1	5/19/65	Regional Forester	Cross reference to L.I. Rowland, BLM. 2810 1-SR-134-2, hearings.

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107	2	Undated	Unknown	Letter to Howard Stratton and George Richardson. Mineral examiner's report concerning the July 1965 re-examination has been completed. Recognize asserted rights on the Highland City placer, Moon Light lode, and Stratton mine lode. Stipulation forms enclosed.
108	1	6/4/65	R.W. Manchester, for Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to George Richardson, enclosing map of Jane and Bluebird lode claims.
109	1	7/12/65	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to George Richardson. Gary Morrison would like to meet with you July 21, 1965 to proceed with reexamination.
110	1	7/16/65	George Richardson	Letter to E.F. Barry, cannot meet July 21.
111	1	11/24/65	R.W. Manchester	Memo to files. Met with Howard Stratton 11/22/65. Howard would rather stipulate on claims we are not able to recognize, than go into a hearing. The Forest Service will notify him if they can recognize any additional claims on the basis of this past season's reexamination.
112	1	12/1/65	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1966. \$50.00

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113	14	2/23/66	R.W. Manchester	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Supplemental Report on Mining Claim for review and concurrence. Includes the 9-page report, an assay, and two copies of the claims map. "Administratively Confidential. Not For Public Inspection."
114	1	4/5/66	Raymond W. Karr Forest Supervisor	Memo to Ranger Muldowney. Sends a letter from the Regional Forester recognizing the asserted rights on the moonlight claim. Suggests ranger get together with Howard to discuss a fence.
115	2	4/4/66	George Richardson	Letter to Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge. Remove my name as claimant. Informed Mr. Stratton I did not wish to appear further in the matter.
116	1	4/6/66	Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge	Letter to Paul J. Dumm, Hearing Examiner. Sends a letter from George Richardson removing his name as claimant.
117	1	4/6/66	Geo. F. Weyermann, Acting Regional Forester	Stipulation withdrawing verified statement for Buttons Quartz Lode, Carla Jean Quartz Lode, Last Chance Quartz Lode, Gold Bar Placer, Little Bill Placer, and Spring Gulch Placer. Signed by Howard Stratton.
118	1	4/7/66	Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge	Letter to Paul J. Dumm, Hearing Examiner. Sent Stipulation withdrawing verified statement. Now possible to vacate this hearing.
119	1	4/11/66	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Memo to Forest Supervisor. No hearing necessary. Talk to Mr. Stratton about a fence across the Moonlight lode.
120	1	4/12/66	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Copy of completed Stipulation. This action does not jeopardize your mining rights or your rights to apply for patent at a later date.
121	1	4/15/66	Raymond W. Karr, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Ranger Muldowney. Enclosed documents about the Stratton claims.
122	1	12/1/66	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1967. \$50.00
123	1	12/1/67	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1968. \$50.00
124	1	12/1/68	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1969. \$50.00
125	2	7/28/69	D.M. Berg, Fire Prevention Guard	Fire Prevention Inspection - Industrial Operation.

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126	2	'65 - '69	D.M.B.	Inspection Record.
127	1	12/1/69	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1970. \$50.00
128	1	12/1/70	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1971. \$50.00
129	2	'70 - '71	Neal and Fick	Inspection Record. Need to write a letter on cleaning.
130	2	'67 - '71	Fick	Inspection Record for School House. "Still need to transfer school permit to Stratton."
131	1	11/15/71	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1972. \$50.00
132	4	1/72	Unknown	Stratton Case Summary From 1939 to Present.
133	1	11/15/72	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1973. \$50.00
134	10	1973	R. Roginske	Photos of Stratton Brothers Permit
135	2	7/10/73	John Kreis	Fire Inspection Report.
136	1	11/15/73	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1974. \$50.00
137	4	12/12/73	Unknown	Maps of proposed mining activity, Fish Creek property, Emma 2 claim.
138	2	12/20/73	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Your special use permit is outdated. We will prepare a new special use permit. The permit will schedule improvements. List what is necessary for operating the sawmill. The rock-crushing mill needs a separate permit under the mining laws.
139	5	3/7/74	Thomas Fick, Forester	Memo to files. Documents meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton. Discussed new Special Use Permit. Sketched a realistic and attainable site plan (attached). They should fill out a Special Use Application for the waterline.
140	1	6/19/74	Thomas Fick, Forester	Memo to files. Documents visit with Howard Stratton concerning status of his application for new improvements at the mill site.
141	1	6/24/74	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Answering questions Howard asked Tom Fick about the new load limit signs we put up on the Fish Creek bridge.
142	1	8/13/74	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files. Mrs. Howard Stratton came into the office interested in trading lands for the area under special use in Fish Creek. I told Mrs. Stratton that I thought the Fish Creek area should remain in public ownership. John visited the Strattons later in the week and told Howard he thought a land exchange would not be in the public's interest.
143	2	10/13/74	Al Darr, The Montana Standard	Article, "Two good men at odds on Fish Creek land use".
144	1	11/5/74	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1975. \$50.00

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145	1	12/12/74	T.R. Fick, Forester	Memo to files. Documents December 12 visit with Howard and Mark Stratton concerning their plans for the sawmill etc. Got their commitment to have a complete application package to us around January 1, 1975.
146	1	12/13/74	Larry	Phone conversation with Ward. Norm told Howard he would call him to look at the road change around the Fish Cr. bridge, but Norm never called.
147	1	12/20/74	Ronald F. Roginske, Supervisory Forester	Note to files. Documents meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton at the Fish Creek bridge. Memo contains agreements they made about the bridge.
148	1	12/24/74	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Let us know when you plan to replace the stringers on the Fish Creek Bridge. We will allow you to cut the required trees under a free use permit.
149	1	6/9/75	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Form letter to Stratton Brothers, "Dear Permittee". Recreation residence use fees will be reviewed this summer. Adjustments will go into effect 1/1/97.
150	1	6/27/75	John S. Uivary	Collection Delinquent Notice to Howard Stratton for sawlogs.
151	1	7/1/75	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. Form letter announcing public meetings about recreation residence fee review and adjustment program.
152	1	7/8/75	John S. Uivary	Collection Delinquent Notice to Howard Stratton for sawlogs.
153	2	9/26/75	R.E. Haines, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. It's time for on-the-ground appraisal of sample sites for recreation residence fee review.
154	1	11/13/75	T.F.	Map. Stratton S.U. Surveyed & Platted 11/15/75 11/14/75.
155	1	11/14/75	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1976. \$50.00
156	2	11/28/75	Norman Ward, Civil Engineer	Memo to District Ranger. Made electrical inspection of the Stratton Mill site 11/25/75. Memo itemizes comments. Recommends that new special use permit contains a clause that all wiring be brought into conformance with National Electric Code.
157	6	12/4/75	Harry Kringler, Sanitary Engineer	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Follow up to inspection of the previous week. Prioritizes work to bring electrical and sewer systems up to code. Enclosed certain paragraphs from codes and regulations.
158	2	12/9/75	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Plan to replace Stratton existing S.U. permit with permits for sawmill, power plant, and road use. Need land appraisals.

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159	1	1976	Robert H. Stratton	Sketch for Stratton Mill.
160	1	1976	Robert H. Stratton	Sketch for Proposed Water Line Easement.
161	1	1976	Robert H. Stratton	Pipestone Pass Quadrangle map with water lines indicated.
162	6	1976	Unknown	6 copies of map of Howard Stratton Special Use permit area. (Platted 4/8/76. TF.)
163	1	Undated	Robert H. Stratton	Sketch for Stratton Mill.
164	2	2/4/76	Richard M. Roberts	Memo to the files. No appraisal necessary for power project. Calculations for \$58.50 annual fee are shown. The 11/13/75 survey map is included.
165	9	2/6/76	Richard M. Roberts	Appraisal Report for Stratton Brothers Sawmill, with map.
166	4	3/11/76	Fick & Boster	Stratton Bond Determination. Worksheets.
167	1	3/19/76	John Uivary	Memo to Dick Roberts. Sends him a copy of a letter received from Howard Stratton 3/19/76. John asked Howard if he knew of land similar to his special use area that had recently sold.
168	2	3/17/76	Howard Stratton	Sends a letter from Robert Corbett regarding land price per acre. The letter, dated 2/17/76, is the next page.
169	7	4/8/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Handwritten letter to Howard Stratton, very nearly identical to the typed version sent out 4/13/76. Followed by two pages of handwritten notes.
170	2	4/13/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing a copy of each of the proposed permits for his review while he decides whether to keep the site or not. A handwritten, signed version of Ranger Uivary's letter follows the typed copy.
171	3	4/13/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton including list of Improvement Schedule items, first presented at 4/8/76 meeting with him and Mark. Asks Howard to sign and return to the District Ranger.
172	3	5/10/76	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Howard Stratton. Documents 4/8/76 meeting to discuss proposed new permits, fees, and improvement schedule. If you choose not to contact us by June 15, ...we will ... terminate the permit.
173	1	5/25/76	Unknown, Jefferson Ranger District	Memo to Forest Supervisor requesting some special uses be closed because they have been incorporated into permittee's grazing permit. Stratton Brothers fence is underlined.

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174	2	6/15/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files. Documents conversation with Howard and Mark Stratton. Talked about Special Use Permit. Mr. Stratton is still waiting to hear about the mining mill site from the BLM. Handwritten note lists items discussed.
175	1	8/20/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Documents conversation of 8/19/76. Items discussed were application for a mill site, and keeping the sawmill on site.
176	1	11/6/76	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1977. \$50.00
177	1	11/10/76	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Memo to District Ranger. Instructions
178	1	Undated	Marta	Handwritten note to Neil Howarth. D-2 requesting this permit be closed (doesn't specify what permit). Talks also of grazing permit in William Stratton's name.
179	1	11/29/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files. Visited Stratton's sawmill 11/23/76. Talked with Howard and Mark. Said billing for Special Use was in error since permit terminates 12/31/76.
180	1	12/2/76	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Memo to files. Stratton special use permit has been revised and split into 3 permits with fees recalculated. To date Stratton has refused to sign the permits and he was mistakenly billed at the old rate. RO advice was to return the check with letter of explanation.
181	2	12/3/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Returns his \$50.00 check for 1977 special use, since his permit will terminate 12/31/76.
182	2	12/31/76	Robert H. Stratton	Letter to his father, Howard Stratton enclosing a letter to David Bowman for surveying.
183	1	12/31/76	Robert H. Stratton	Letter to David Bowman asking for a boundary survey of the mill site.

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184	1	1/5/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor recommending termination on Stratton Brothers Sawmill permit. Documents and photographs attached.
185	8	Undated	Unsigned	Proposed Special Use Permit for 1 acre, sawmill.
186	7	Undated	Unsigned	Proposed Special Use Permit for 4.3 acres residences and associated stuff.
187	2	1/19/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor including draft of a letter for his signature revoking special use permit.
188	1	Undated	Charlie Neal	Handwritten note to John Uivary saying Howard will have to apply for a F.P.C. license for the power plant. A note from John says to file in Strattons S.U.
189	1	1/21/77	V.R. Price Acting R-1 Director Recreation and Lands	Memo to Forest Supervisors including memo from Federal Power Commission with instructions to provide them information.
190	1	12/20/76	George R. Bell, Federal Power Commission	Memo referenced in 1/21/77 memo. FPC withdrew authority from Forest Service to issue special use permits for small hydroelectric developments on national forest lands. Asks for information to transfer supervision over these projects.
191	1	6/1/76	Thomas C. Nelson Washington Office	Memo to Regional Foresters with enclosed letter from FPC. Instructs Forest Service to advise operators that they must apply for a Federal Power Commission license.
192	3	5/13/76	Kenneth F. Plumb Federal Power Commission	Letter to Chief of the Forest Service withdrawing authority from Forest Service to issue special use permits for small hydroelectric developments on national forest lands.
193	4	2/1/77	Robert W. Damon Forest Supervisor	Memo to Regional Forester requesting a review of Stratton Brothers permit and advice. Attached original permit with amendments and correspondence relative to a new permit and cleanup of the site.
194	2	2/4/77	Robert W. Damon Forest Supervisor	Letter to Regional Engineer, Federal Power Commission. Sends information about the Stratton Brothers hydroelectric development on national forest land.

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195	3	3/24/77	Wm. A. Worf R-1 Director Recreation and Lands	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Encloses reworked revocation letter to Mr. Stratton. Instructs forest to collect payment for 1977.
196	2	4/19/77	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Recreation Residence Calendar Year 1977. \$50.00
197	3	5/4/77	V.R. Price R-1 Lands Group	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Refers to draft letter enclosed with 3/24/77 memo.
198	3	4/10/77	Unknown	Discussion between author and Bob Newman about Stratton millsite. Says next action to schedule validity determination on his millsite.
199	3	5/20/77	Karl Mecklenburg, Forest Supervisor	Certified letter to Stratton Brothers. Asks Mr. Stratton to show cause why his 1939 permit should not be revoked. Has handwritten note by John Uivary saying he called Strattons and told Mrs. Stratton to have Howard pick up the letter.
200	2	5/27/77	Kenneth F. Plumb, Federal Power Commission	Letter to Howard Stratton asking him to apply for a license for his hydroelectric installation within 60 days.
201	1	6/15/77	Nadine D. Scott Deputy County Atty.	Letter to Forest Supervisor relating questions Mr. Stratton asked her about his permit.
202	1	6/27/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files documenting 6/24/77 meeting with Nadine Scott, and Mark and Howard Stratton. Discussed complying with their permit and submitting an improvement schedule.
203	1	7/8/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Howard Stratton did not submit an improvement schedule by the June 30 deadline. Recommends terminating the permit.
204	1	8/3/77	Howard Stratton	Letter to Mr. Plumb, FPC. Requests 90-day extension for submitting his application.
205	1	8/9/77	Karl Mecklenburg, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Regional Forester asking for review and revoking of Stratton Brothers permit. Encloses selected recent correspondence: 7/8/77 from Uivary to For. Sup.; 6/27/77 from Uivary to file; 6/15/77 from Scott to For. Sup.; and 5/4/77 from Price to For. Sup.
206	1	10/6/77	Norman Day, Zone Geologist	Memo to John Uivary about 10/6/77 inspection of Stratton's sawmill site.
207	1	10/17/77	Kenneth F. Plumb, Federal Power Commission	Letter to Mr. Stratton granting his extension. Urges him to work closely with the Forest Service in preparing his application.
208	4	10/17/77	V.R. Price R-1 Lands Group	Letter to Attorney in Charge, OGC. Sends case folder for Mr. Stratton and asks for review of the case, planned course of action, and proposed revocation letter.

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209	2	1/16/78	R.W. Parker	Handwritten response to 1017/77 letter to OGC. Says proposed revocation letter is good, must be sure file is organized.
210	1	10/18/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Certified letter to Howard Stratton asking him to submit an operating plan for the millsites and any unpatented claims within 30 days.
211	4	11/8/77	Unknown	Summaries of documents about Stratton Brothers Special Use Permit from 2/1/77 through 11/8/77.
212	1	11/30/77	L.E. Alden, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Bernard Murphy, regional engineer saying his sawmill special use permit should be revoked 12/31/77. Asks Murphy for copy of correspondence with Mr. Stratton about hydroelectric permit.
213	19	1978	Linda Marsh	Photographs of Stratton Mill Site
214	4	2/9/78	Tom Coston, for Regional Forester	Letter to Howard Stratton revoking his special use permit for cause, effective this date.
215	1	2/9/78	V.R. Price, R-1 Lands Group	Memo to Forest Supervisor enclosing copy of revocation letter. Asks forest to assemble a case report.
216	1	2/19/78	Al Darr, Montana Standard	Article titled, "Stratton gets notice to vacate Fish Creek".
217	2	3/8/78	Howard Stratton	Letter to Regional Forester telling him he'd been deliberately misled, and countering points raised in revocation letter. Requests a meeting.
218	1	3/22/78	Tom Coston, Deputy Regional Forester	Letter to Howard Stratton offering to meet.
219	2	3/27/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Response to Tom Coston setting meeting date and time.
220	1	3/30/78	Roselyn M. Gyles, Secretary	Letter to Howard and Mark Stratton confirming meeting date and time.
221	1	4/18/78	Unsigned	Handwritten note titled "Stratton (call from Coston)". Howard said his letter was an appeal. Howard doesn't want a Special Use Permit, he wants a mill site.
222	1	5/4/78	V.R. Price, for R-1 Director of Lands	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Bring Mr. Stratton's activities promptly within provisions of 36 CFR 252. He needs an operating plan and you need to proceed with a mineral examination of his claims as soon as possible.
223	5	5/4/78	Karl Mecklenburg, Forest Supervisor	Memo to District Ranger enclosing rough draft of Case Report for revocation of Stratton Brothers Sawmill Special Use Permit. Asks for more information.

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224	2	5/8/78	Tom Coston, for Regional Forester	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Follow-up to April 7 meeting. Mr. Stratton needs to file an operating plan or notice of intent with the District Ranger. Continued occupancy will be based on validity of mining and millsite claims.
225	1	5/12/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor providing information requested in 5/4/78 memo.
226	1	5/12/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Thomas Fick asking him to write a statement about his work with Strattons.
227	2	5/19/78	Ronald F. Roginske Land Mgt. Planner	Memo to District Ranger about Ron's work with the Strattons and their Special Use Permit.
228	1	6/2/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting call from Norm Day. Stratton has filed 4 mill sites tied to lode claims and filed in 1973. Will meet with Howard about 6/15/78.
229	4	7/26/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining Operations for Moonlight, Carla Jane, Emma 1,2,3, and Last Chance. Signed as received by John S. Uivary.
230	9	7/26/78	Howard Stratton	Operating Plan for Little Chap, Highland Jackpot, Gold Bar, Mammoth, and "also other claims staked, recorded."
231	4	7/27/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger about field review of five mining claims, including the Howard Stratton Millsite. Refers to 8/25/78 letter for information about this claim.
232	1	7/31/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copy of Notice of Intent for Moonlight, Carla Jane, and Emma 1,2,3 claims. Last Chance not approved because it is tied to mill site and needs Operating Plan.
233	1	8/8/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for more information about the Little Chap Mines Operating Plan. District needs to write EAR.
234	8	8/16/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Plan of Operation for mining operations on Emma, Moonlight, and Last Chance mining claims.
235	9	8/16/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Plan of Operations for milling operations on Moonlight, Last Chance and Stratton Mine Millsites.
236	4	8/25/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Letter to District Ranger about a meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton held 7/26/78 at the Stratton's sawmill site. Gave Strattons 30 days to file operating plan for millsite claims. Discussed mining laws.
237	1	8/29/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files about talk with Howard 7/18/78. Talked about operating plan on Little Chap, and about cat work on the road.

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238	1	9/1/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton confirming conversation of 8/28/78. Needs no operating plan for Emma, Moonlight and Last Chance claims. Need more information in operating plan for mill site.
239	2	9/5/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Letter to District Ranger documenting meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton 8/28/78 on their millsite claims. Need operating plan for Emma claim group. Need more information on millsite operating plan.
240	2	9/8/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton telling him what information the district needs by 9/15/78. Follow-up to 8/28/78 meeting.
241	2	9/11/78	Mark Stratton	Letter to John Uivary enclosing 3 notices of intent and an operating plan.
242	10	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Operating Plan for road across Little Chap mining claim.
243	4	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining for Last Chance claim.
244	4	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining for Emma claim.
245	3	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining for Moonlight claim.
246	1	9/12/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit by Mark Stratton. Mark said he hadn't yet received survey plat of old sawmill site. Norm told Mark to ask district for extension.
247	1	9/14/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files. Mark Stratton called from Norm Day's office to request an extension on getting maps to district.
248	1	9/15/78	Norm Day	Handwritten note to "Bill". Explains what he has told Howard he needed for the Emma Lode.
249	1	9/21/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying Mark Stratton dropped off a map of the mill site, a map and building locations, letters about why the buildings are needed and a flow chart on how the mill will work.
250	5	9/19/78	Mark Stratton	Documents dropped off with Larry Boster (referenced in his 9/21/78 memo to files). Letters about why the buildings are needed and a flow chart on how the mill will work.
251	1	9/22/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copies of Notices of Intent for Moonlight, Last Chance, and Emma claims.

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252	1	10/12/78	Larry Boster, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying district will need 60 more days to complete EAR on operating plan for the mill site.
253	3	10/12/78	Norm Day	Handwritten notes to "John" (John Uivary, District Ranger). Advice on mill site operating plan conditions and bond.
254	2	10/17/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for more information about the mill site operating plan, and setting a meeting at the mill site.
255	1	10/18/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Stratton. No one was there.
256	1	10/27/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Note to Norm Day, Norm Ward, Tom Schmidt, and Dave Ruppert asking them to attend meeting 11/7/78 at mill site.
257	2	11/6/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Reclamation Plan for the Stratton Millsites.
258	1	11/13/78	Stratton Mills	Settling Pond (amendment millsite).
259	1	11/14/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for information to complete EAR on mill site.
260	1	11/27/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger including list of questions they needed to have answered before they could complete their reports for the EAR.
261	6	10/30/78	Glenn P. Haney, Associate Deputy Chief	Copy of manual pages (FSM 6506) dealing with surety bonds. Handwritten notes in margins are specific to Stratton site.

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262	1	2/22/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for EAR information.
263	2	1/23/79 rec'd 3/2	Howard Stratton	Letter to Jefferson District Ranger enclosing information on the mill site. Included drawings.
264	1	3/22/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for more information beyond what was in the letter received 3/2/79.
265	1	3/22/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying specialists need more information from Howard Stratton for the EAR.
266	1	5/31/79	Ronald G. Schott, Acting District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for information needed, as written in 3/22/79 letter.
267	2	6/4/79	Mark Stratton	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District enclosing needed information and map.
268	2	6/20/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying the forest is planning a mineral exam on his mill site claims. Asks him to be present at beginning of exam, scheduled for July 3, 5, and 6.
269	22	7/3/79 7/5/79 7/6/79	Norm Day, Kathy Wilkerson, Larry Boster	Field notes for Stratton Millsite Validity Exam.
270	1	7/5/79 7/6/79	Norm Day & Kathy Wilkerson	Plane Table and Alidade map of Stratton Millsite Area.
271	1	7/11/79	Thomas A. Schmidt Forest Hydrologist	Memo to District Ranger conveying general water quality concerns and possible solutions at the Stratton millsite.
272	1	7/11/79	David A. Ruppert Soil Scientist	Memo to District Ranger giving soil types in the vicinity of the Stratton millsite claim and possible impacts from the proposed milling.
273	2	7/23/79	Howard Stratton	Letter to John Uivary saying they plan to start immediately to remove and haul ore from the Emma claim.
274	2	8/10/79	Norm Day	Memo to John Uivary enclosing a map of Howard Stratton's millsite claims. Documents what was done to date on Stratton's validity exam.
275	1	8/30/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Memo to Norm Day enclosing approved EAR for Stratton millsite and asking for additional information.

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276	12	8/20/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Stratton Environmental Analysis Report, approved by Frank Salomonsen, Forest Supervisor.
277	1	8/13/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor enclosing EAR for Stratton's Mill Site.
278	3	8/20/79	Frank E. Salomonsen Forest Supervisor	Memo to District Ranger approving Stratton Mill Site EAR with corrections and added information.
279	2	9/7/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton approving millsite Plan of Operations. Two copies, one with signature of Uivary.
280	1	9/10/79	Norman Day Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger including plans for completion of Stratton mineral exam.
281	5	9/11/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Mark Stratton following up agreements made on bonding and completion of mill site cleanup. \$8,000 bond, reduced to \$5,000 after cleanup. Includes list of items to be removed. Asks Howard to sign if he agrees.
282	1	10/22/79	Howard Stratton	Last page of 9/11/79 letter bearing he signature of Howard Stratton. Howard Stratton added amendments.
283	2	9/11/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton informing him a mineral exam will be done on claims tied to mill operation. Asks him to have corners monumented and ore body opened for sampling, for Emma and Moonlight.
284	1	9/17/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying wiring at mill site must meet State and Federal electrical codes.
285	1	9/20/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor closing Special Use folder for Stratton Brothers Saw Mill.
286	2	10/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton scheduling mineral exam on his lode claims to begin 10/18/79.
287	2	10/15/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying Larry and Ron Schott handed Howard Stratton the 9/17/79 letter about needing an electrical inspection by the State of Montana. Also talked about bond for mill operation. Noted little cleanup has been done. Sent 100 tons ore for smelting.
288	2	10/17/79	Norman Day Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger documenting two phone conversations with Mark Stratton about the mineral exam on Stratton's lode claims. Exam now set to begin 10/18/79.
289	1	10/30/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Eddie Thomas Insurance enclosing form used for bonding and agreement with Howard Stratton for bond coverage.
290	1	10/29/79	"K"	Memorandum of Call to "N". Mark Stratton would file amended millsite claims today, then redo corners. Will call when done.

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291	1	10/29/79	Howard and Mark Stratton	Amended Declaratory Statement for Moonlight, Emma, Stratton Mine, and Last Chance millsites. Changed the names to Emma 1,2,3,&4.
292	1	10/31/79	"ND"	Mark Stratton called, Emma #2 corners still not changed.
293	1	10/31/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files about phone call with Howard Stratton 10/30/79. Larry would be at mill site 11/1/79 to talk about bond and inspect cleanup.
294	1	10/31/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting phone call from Eddie Thomas insurance asking for information on Stratton's bond for his mill site.
295	4	11/2/79	Norman Day Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger. Summary of events for the mineral exam on Howard Stratton's millsite and lode claims, from July 3 through October 31, 1979. Recommends completion next summer when Strattons have corners monumented and workings open for sampling.
296	4	11/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton returning Notice of Intent for Emma claim unapproved. Calls for Plan of Operations.
297	1	11/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton thanking him for cleanup done so far.
298	4	11/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copy of Notice of Intent for Moonlight and Carla Jane claims.
299	1	11/5/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 11/1/79 inspection at Stratton's mill site.
300	4	11/5/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copy of Notice of Intent for Gold Bar claim.
301	1	11/5/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying Emma claim needs an Operating Plan.
302	2	11/13/79	Mark Stratton	Letter to John (Uivary). Note about conditions of bonding and mill site cleanup, as listed in 9/11/79 letter.
303	1	11/15/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting Stratton cleanup inspection of 11/13/79. Cleanup proceeds.
304	1	11/15/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting talk with Howard and Mark Stratton 11/13/79. Talked about \$8,000 bond and what happens if he and inspector disagree about what's mine related during cleanup.
305	2	11/15/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton not agreeing to extend 9/30/80 cleanup deadline. Will do preliminary inspection 8/30/80.

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306	1	11/29/79	"KW"	Handwritten notes saying Mark Stratton dropped off 2 smelter returns and amended millsite location notice. Talked about time spent working Emma claim.
307	2	8/17/72	Anaconda Company	Emma No 2 ore payment after smelting.
308	1	10/12/79	Smelter	Payment of \$10,801.81 for ore shipment.
309	1	11/30/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor agreeing with Norm Day's recommendation to complete mineral exam on Stratton's millsite until next summer.
310	1	12/3/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 11/29/79 phone call to Howard Stratton asking how the bond was coming.
311	1	12/3/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 11/30/79 inspection of Stratton cleanup. Reminded Howard that \$8,000 bond must be received by 12/15/79. It would not be reduced for cleanup already done.
312	1	12/3/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to Howard and Mark Stratton sending items requested for bonding company.
313	1	12/5/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting phone call to Eddie Thomas Insurance Company asking what they needed for Stratton's bond.
314	2	12/12/79	Mark Stratton	Letter to John Uivary saying they are waiting for bonding company decision. Won't make 12/15/79 deadline.
315	3	Unknown	Unknown	Handwritten document, Howard Stratton Quartz Mill Operating Plan.
316	1	1/4/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 1/2/80 phone call with Howard and Mark Stratton about the needed bond on their milling operation.
317	2	1/9/80	Mark Stratton	Letter to John Uivary saying they cannot get the \$8,000 bond. Offers to come up with \$3,000 as soon as possible, then come up with \$2,000 more by 9/30/80.
318	1	1/24/80	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton saying he recommends the Forest Supervisor accept \$3,000 now and \$2,000 later.
319	2	2/25/80	John R. Linch, Acting District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton granting approval for \$3,000 bond now with \$2,000 later. Bill for collection and copy of 9/11/79 letter enclosed.
320	1	3/3/80	Robert Semmens, Miners Bank of MT	Letter to the Forest Supervisor's office. Bank established Irrevocable Letter of Credit in FS favor for Howard Stratton for \$3,000, valid through 9/30/80.
321	2	3/3/80	Stratton and Semmens	Performance Bond for \$3,000.

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322	1	3/4/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Metals Bank with Mark and Howard Stratton to secure \$3,000 bond.
323	1	3/8/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Stratton mill operation. No further cleanup done. Reminded Howard to get his operating plan for the Emma claim in.
324	12	5/23/80	Mark Stratton	Plan of Operation for Emma 2.
325	1	5/27/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 5/23/80 visit to Stratton Milling operation. Mill in full operation. No further cleanup done.
326	1	6/12/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 6/10/80 visit to Stratton mill. Norm Day will hold off on further mineral exam work as last year's ore return was quite good. Norm just needs to complete his mapping.
327	1	6/20/80	Larry Boster, for Forestry Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Stratton mill site 6/17/80. No further cleanup. Took pictures.
328	1	7/2/80	Wayne R. Sorensen	Stratton Mill Assay.
329	5	7/15/80	Larry Boster	Photographs of Stratton mill site.
330	1	7/16/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting talk with Mark Stratton about bonding on the Emma 2 claim. Mark asked if he could cut timber for an ore bin.
331	1	7/23/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting marking of 4 MBF free use timber for ore bin on Emma 2.
332	1	8/11/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 8/6/80 talk with Howard about his bond for Emma 2. Howard will have his bond as soon as the county pays him for some lumber. Says he should make cleanup deadline.
333	1	9/9/80	Roger Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton documenting inspection of millsite 9/4/80. Revealed there is still a lot more work to be done. Expect a review 9/25/80 starting at 10:00.
334	9	8/15/80	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Approved EAR for Emma Lode.
335	1	9/24/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting talk with Howard Stratton about cleanup. Could have trouble meeting deadline.
336	7	9/30/80	Unknown	Photographs of mill site.
337	1	10/8/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 10/7/80 inspection of Stratton's cleanup. 90% of total job is done.
338	1	11/13/80	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton awaiting payment of \$600 bond on Emma claim.

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339	1	11/13/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting meeting with Howard Stratton about bonding for additional \$2,000 for milling operation. Said he will take care of it at the bank 11/13/80.
340	1	11/18/80	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton allowing him to keep his sawmill on the mine millsite for two years. Will review agreement 11/1/82.
341	1	11/21/80	Ronald Collins, First Bank Butte	Letter to Larry Boster verifying bank has open savings account for Strattons with \$2009.20.
342	1	11/25/80	Ronald Collins, First Bank Butte	Memo to Larry Boster saying Stratton's savings account must have Forest Service and Stratton signature to withdraw funds.
343	1	5/5/81	Robert Semmens, Miners Bank of MT	Letter to Supervisor's office establishing Irrevocable Letter of Credit in FS favor through 9/30/81.
344	1	6/10/81	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying his mill site bond has never been assigned to the Forest Service properly. They'll have to go to the bank together to fix it.
345	1	6/24/81	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting 6/23/81 inspection of Stratton mill. Will meet 6/29/81 at the bank. Howard is having trouble getting \$600 bond for Emma.
346	2	7/7/81	Howard Stratton	Copy of letter to Senator Max Baucus questioning bonding by the Forest Service.
347	2	7/28/81	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Forest Supervisor asking for findings and views on Howard Stratton's letter to Baucus.
348	4	8/18/81	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Kenneth Wilson approving his Notice of Intent for mining in Fish Creek.
349	1	10/13/81	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting check of Stratton's operation 10/1/81. A little more cleanup evident. No sign of work in the mill.
350	1	2/12/82	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Form letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Notice of Intent for him to fill out for mines on forest lands.
351	1	7/7/82	Robert W. Toivonen, Forestry Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit to Stratton millsite 6/24/82. Recommends reducing bond from \$5,000 to \$3,000 after cleanup complete.
352	1	7/26/82	Robert W. Toivonen, Forestry Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit with Howard Stratton and Ray TeSoro 7/16/82. Howard has been working to patent the mill site and numerous mine sites.
353	1	8/24/82	Robert W. Toivonen, Forestry Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit 8/19/82 to Stratton mill. Howard is still working on patenting mill site and mine sites.

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354	1	10/1/82	Unknown	Note to Larry/Bea. SO tentatively approved refunding interest on \$5,000 bond to Strattons.
355	1	10/12/82	Jim Shelden, Minerals Staff Officer	Memo to District ranger. Howard and Mark Stratton visited Jim to request withdrawal of accrued interest from \$2,000 held in account at First Bank of Butte. Mark's name was added to the account. Forest Supervisor signed withdrawal slip for interest 10/1/82.
356	1	10/15/82	Larry Boster, Engineering Tech.	Memo to District Ranger about visit with Stratton 10/12/82. Howard is placer mining on his private ground.
357	3	11/22/82	Ernest L. Kemmis, BLM	Letter to Mr. David Albert of Alpha Engineers Montana, Inc., in Butte MT. BLM does not believe any portion of Millsite #2 is patentable. Millsite #1 may be too large. Forest Service mineral examiner will have to decide.
358	1	7/12/83	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton thanking him for field trip.
359	2	7/26/84	Bea	Notes of telephone call with Olive Smith.
360	1	5/30/84	Donald Wilson	Small Miner Exclusion Statement.
361	2	6/15/84	Roger Siemens	Letter to Don Wilson about Plan of Operation.
362	13	7/9/84	Roger Siemens	Letter to Ken Wilson. Sign enclosed Plan of Operation. John Stratton is listed as owner of mining claim (Spring Gulch Placer). Don Wilson listed as operator.
363	1	7/27/84	Forest Service	Bill for Collection to Smith Construction for reclamation on Spring Gulch 1 and 2. \$1,000 bond.
364	1	7/27/84	Olive Smith	Photocopy of \$1,000 check for performance bond.
365	2	7/30/84	Larry	Note to Roger. We have the \$1,000 bond for Smith and Wilson project in Fish Creek. Sign approval.
366	1	7/30/84	Administrative Officer	Public Voucher for Refunds, \$1,000 due Smith construction.
367	1	8/3/84	Ray TeSoro Geologist	Memo to District Ranger documenting 8/2/84 inspection of Stratton/Wilson Spring Gulch project.
368	1	8/15/84	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to MT Dept. of State Lands enclosing Decision Notice and FONSI for Spring Gulch placer.
369	6	8/31/84	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton with approved Notice of Intent, for replacing culvert and burying pipeline under access road.
370	1	10/3/84	BK and Larry	Note about Olive Smith's savings certificate and how FS needs a letter of credit instead. Once she has letter, refund her \$1,000.

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371	5	9/18/85	Director, BLM	Instruction Memorandum to all field officials about determining if occupancy of mining claims or mill sites is reasonably incident to mining and milling operations.
372	1	4/6/87	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest. Replaces old Notice of Intent.
373	1	3/29/88	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest.
374	1	2/14/89	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest.
375	1	9/6/89	Patricia Barringer	Daily diary. Met with Mark and Howard Stratton at the millsite. House looks good. Equipment yard needs tidying up. Strattons need help with culvert on Trainer Gulch.
376	4	9/6/89	Unsigned.	Photographs of Stratton millsite.
377	1	Unknown	Unknown	Map of Stratton mining claims.
378	1	2/14/90	Frank Russel, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest.
379	1	9/20/90	Patricia Barringer	Daily diary. Pat and Fran Lucon visited Stratton millsite to scale 7 trees for removal and use in the mill. Area needs cleanup.
380	2	9/20/90	Jo Ellis	Personal Use Firewood Permit for Howard Stratton, 8 trees marked and scaled.
381	2	9/20/90	Unsigned	Photographs of millsite.
382	2	10/2/90	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Forest Products Sale Permit for free use sawlogs, issued to Howard Stratton.
383	1	10/12/90	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing free use permit for the 8 trees marked near his house.
384	1	10/23/90	Unknown	Handwritten note to "Pat" documenting phone call from Mrs. Stratton. Gives phone numbers to contact Howard and asks to use Mark as much as possible.
385	2	3/5/91	John Joy, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for updated Plan of Operations. First Bank Butte needs updated signature cards.

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386	1	3/27/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to First Bank of Butte authorizing Donna Schimanski to sign for Grant in regard to the Stratton millsite savings bond.
387	3	3/29/91	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing check for \$117.67 from First Bank Butte, interest on bond account. New Certificate of Deposit issued for \$3,000.
388	1	4/10/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Mark Stratton asking for their signatures on Assignment Agreement for \$3,000 Certificate of Deposit.
389	4	5/16/91	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton documenting land exchange proposal discussed 5/10/91. Discourages land exchange and offers new Special Use Permit with indefinite tenure. Sample enclosed. Asks for review.
390	1	6/14/91	Bobbi Weikel, Forest Fiscal Officer	Letter to First Bank Butte enclosing Assignment Agreement for Howard or Mark Stratton, asking them to complete it.
391	4	6/18/91	Forest Service	Assignment Agreement 09-91-01 for Howard or Mark Stratton for \$3,000. Signed by Mark Stratton, a bank account officer, and approved by two Forest Service officers.
392	6	9/5/91	Mark Stratton	Special use application and report for millsite, equipment, and buildings
393	1	11/15/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Handwritten notes documenting phone calls with Washington Office and Ron Marlenee's office. Also two calls with Mrs. Stratton.
394	2	11/19/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton saying special use permit seems to be only legal way to proceed at this time. Dampens hope for land exchange.
395	1	11/19/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Handwritten notes documenting phone call with Kathy Meadors (Marlenee's office) about 11/15/91 discussion with Mrs. Stratton. Will send copy of 11/19/91 letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton to Kathy. She concurred with process.
396	2	11/26/91	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they'll pursue land exchange.
397	6	12/3/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton stressing they need special use permit. Encloses special use permit as proposed by Forest Service, and land exchange direction.
398	1	12/12/91	Ron Marlenee Congressman	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking for update on Strattons.

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399	1	12/13/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Handwritten notes documenting phone calls with Mark Stratton (left message) and Kathy Meadors (Marlenee's office). Told Kathy what he sent to Strattons, and is waiting for them to respond.
400	2	12/14/91	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they'll sign special use permit, but want written agreement FS will trade this property when they get a patented claim to meet regulations.
401	1	12/20/91	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton offering to meet 1/2/92 to discuss proposed permit.
402	1	12/26/91	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking for more information about land exchanges before they meet.
403	4	1992	Unknown	Photographs of Howard Stratton, Fish Creek.
404	1	1/3/92	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton acknowledging meeting with him 1/3/92 and enclosing 36 CFR 217 appeal regulation asked for.
405	2	1/2/92	Frank Klement and Ron	Notes to be used in reply to Marlenee's 12/12/91 letter.
406	2	1/7/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Ron Marlenee answering his 12/12/91 letter, summarizing Stratton's occupancy and saying special use permit is solution.
407	1	1/25/92	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Ron Marlenee correcting Mr. Godbolt's 1/7/92 letter and saying they had made formal requests for land exchange.
408	1	1/30/92	Ron Marlenee Congressman	Letter to Grant Godbolt enclosing Stratton's 1/25/92 letter and asking for response to Stratton's comments.
409	1	Undated	Grant	Note on envelope of 1/30/92 Marlenee letter saying he discussed on phone with Kathy Meadors. She sent Ron M. the 2/7 letter, so don't need to respond to 1/30 letter.
410	1	2/7/92	Ron Marlenee Congressman	Letter to Howard Stratton saying the best they can hope for is to get the special use permit for both of you to remain on the property for the duration of your life.
411	2	3/4/92	Ron Hanson, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to his letter of 12/23/91. Summarizing Stratton occupancy and offering special use permit for the rest of their lives.
412	2	3/4/92	Ron Hanson, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Burns responding to his letter of 1/3/91. Summarizing Stratton occupancy and offering special use permit for the rest of their lives.
413	1	3/10/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton offering to meet about special use permit or settlement agreement.

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414	2	4/17/92	Ronald Roginske, for District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton referring to 3/10/92 letter and asking again to meet.
415	1	4/30/92	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they were out of town for 6 weeks and setting a meeting time.
416	1	7/22/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton summarizing meeting 6/12/92. Includes points agreed on.
417	7	7/24/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton about their meeting 7/22/92. Enclosed draft settlement agreement and asked for their review. Proposed clean up list.
418	1	8/12/92	Ron Hanson, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Ron Marlenee enclosing draft settlement agreement and quitclaim deed (same as enclosed with 7/24/92 letter to Strattons).
419	2	9/2/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton asking to meet.
420	1	9/2/92	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Van Elsbernd enclosing a letter from a constituent and asking for views and findings on contents.
421	2	7/26/92	Steve Hicks	Letter to Senator Baucus saying Forest Service officials harassed the Strattons.
422	3	9/8/92	Howard and Vady Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they don't expect to be very busy after Sept. 15.
423	2	9/24/92	Van C. Elsbernd, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to 7/26/92 letter to him from Steve Hicks. Summarizes Stratton's occupancy and says he has cautioned the ranger to be sensitive to the perception of harassment.
424	1	10/10	Unknown	Handwritten notes documenting meeting with Mark Stratton.
425	1	10/20/92	Frank Russell, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton acknowledging their letter and asking to meet 12/10.
426	1	12/12/92	Howard Stratton	Letter to BLM, Billings summarizing filing on millsites since 1979 and saying 1992 filing was an amendment.
427	1	12/18/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton thanking them for meeting and enclosing draft settlement agreement and quitclaim for review. April 1 deadline for signing final versions. The draft documents enclosed are the same as those sent with the 7/24/92 letter to Howard and Vady.

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428	20	12/18/92	Jacqueline Samsal, BLM State Office	Letter to Howard Stratton acknowledging his letter of 12/12 saying 12/4/92 declaratory statements were meant to be amendments of previously filed mill sites. Since case was closed on the 4 mill sites in 1989, they were taken as relocation filings. Mill site locations rejected subject to compliance with deficiencies. Enclosed 3/14/89 notice; 5/8/89 decision; 1992 annual filing receipt; 12/18/92 decision; and IBLA decision, 110 IBLA 144 (1989).
429	4	2/1/93	Bettie Schaff, BLM Land Law Examiner	Mining Claim Recordation Receipt for Howard and Mark Stratton, enclosing 1 recordation information sheet.
430	1	3/2/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton reminding them of agreement to sign documents before April 1. Asks them to contact him.
431	1	3/13/93	Howard and Vady Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying their sons and friends will go along with whatever they want to do.
432	10	7/30/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton approving his Plan of Operations. Encloses approved plan for exploration of 2 millsites and 8 claims.
433	1	8/5/93	Howard Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt about approving their notice of intent.
434	10	8/9/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to David Stratton approving his Plan of Operations. Encloses approved plan for exploration of 9 claims.
435	10	8/12/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton approving his Plan of Operations. Encloses approved plan for exploration of 8 claims and 2 mill sites.
436	1	5/20/94	Unknown	Photographs of muddy road and log decks.
437	1	5/29/94	Montana Standard	Obituary for Howard Wheeler Stratton, 74. Date of death 5/27/94.
438	3	4/14/95	Grant Godbolt District Ranger	Form letter to "Claimant" asking for annual mining Plan of Operations. Mailing list includes Mark Stratton.
439	6	8/28/96	BLM	Claimant Index for Stratton Vernon, Stratton William H., Stratton Mark, Stratton Mill, Stratton Vadis V., Stratton David A., Stratton Frank, Stratton Howard, Stratton John W., Stratton Louis, Stratton Mark. Geographic Index with several Stratton claims highlighted.
440	2	10/29/96	Gary Howard	Briefing Statement, Stratton Case
441	1	10/30/96	Gary Howard	Note to R. TeSoro and D. Avery about Stratton mill sites and mining claims.

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442	1	11/22/96	Dave Stratton	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District informing them of Highland Gold Properties Inc.'s new address and new board.
443	3	12/13/96	Dan Avery	Confidential/FOIA Exempt notes of Stratton occupancy meeting. Attorney-Client Privileged.

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444	7	1/30/97	Juanita Miller	Results of search for Forest permits in the name of Howard Stratton.
445	1	2/3/97	Ray TeSoro	Lands and Minerals in the RO has no files for Stratton Mill site and related structures.
446	2	4/15/97	Sandy Kieckbusch, for District Ranger	Letter to Vady Stratton asking to meet.
447	1	5/3/97	Vady Stratton	Letter to Grant saying she didn't pick up his letter but knows about the meeting and will make an appointment.
448	3	5/30/97	Dan and Pat	Notes on Meeting with Strattons, 5/23/97. Must clarify exact purpose of \$3,000 bond. Strattons would like to exchange 16-acre parcel (Highland Flume patented placer claim) for mill site. Have made no gains in the case since 1989.
449	2	6/3/97	Grant Godbolt	Two fax cover sheets accompanying a 6/3/97 letter to Debbie Austin. One faxed to Mike Harris, 586-7647, the other faxed to Jack de Golia and Guy Adams.
450	4	6/3/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Memo to Debbie Austin about the Stratton family occupancy. Presents a chronology of events.
451	18	6/4/97	Gary Howard	Index to selected documents about the Stratton occupancy. Document numbers corresponding to this project file index have been added.
452	2	6/4/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Sean Casey about certificate of deposit Howard or Mark Stratton have with his bank. Requests copy of a letter of credit in the amount of \$3,000 verifying the CD. Letter returned for insufficient address.
453	2	unknown	Pat Barringer	Fax to Sean Casey or Supervisor at First Bank asking for copy of CD issued to Howard or Mark Stratton & USDA.
454	2	6/9/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Vady, Mark and David Stratton with information from the files. Talks about the history of the \$3,000 bond, maps of the millsites, the land exchange, and documentation of W.F. Stratton's attempt to homestead.

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455	7	6/20/97	Gary Howard	Notes of meeting with Vady, Dave and Mark Stratton 6/20/97. Talked about land exchange. Dan Avery explained mining laws. Gave Strattons a copy of settlement agreement and quit-claim deed, and explained them. Strattons made FOIA request for all file information on this case. Copies of documents given Strattons follow the notes.
456	2	6/23/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Vady, Mark and David Stratton recapping 6/20/97 meeting. Said how to submit land exchange proposal, offered time to meet with Gary Howard to look at files, asked for copy of most current operating plan, asked for copy of tape recording of last two meetings.
457	1	6/24/97	Gary Howard	Note to Stratton files saying Grant, Pat and he met with the delegation last week. Summarized 6/20/97 meeting with Strattons. Recommended doing a surface use determination.
458	1	6/26/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt with FOIA request and request for time extension of 30 days from when they receive information, to sign settlement agreement.
459	1	6/27/97	Grant Godbolt	Note to Guy Adams asking if we have warned Strattons how much their FOIA would cost. Says extension is okay, but not past 8/30.
460	1	6/27/97	Grant Godbolt	Note to Gary Howard agreeing with his list of items to make available to Stratton about land exchanges.
461	1	6/30/97	Sandra Dueck	Note documenting Catherine Hicks' request to see the Stratton files, and what she was told.
462	1	6/30/97	Catherine Hicks	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District asking to see the Howard and Vady Stratton case file.
463	1	7/1/97	Jack de Golia	Notes saying how to proceed with Catherine Hicks request.
464	4	7/1/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton enclosing bill for FOIA request. Letter explains fees and gives Dave the option of paying or modifying his request. Also enclosed copy of 6/23/97 letter from Grant Godbolt to Vady, Mark, and David Stratton.
465	1	7/1/97	Patricia Barringer	Memo to Jack de Golia itemizing cost of Stratton FOIA request.
466	1	7/1/97	Patricia Barringer	Note saying First Bank Butte issued a \$3,000 Certificate of Deposit on 3/27/90 that will expire 3/27/98. Phil Smelich has the CE in her safe at the Butte Annex.

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467	7	7/8/97	Conrad Burns, Senator	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking him to address concerns in enclosed Stratton letter to Burns, dated 6/25/97 and addressed to American Citizens.
468	1	7/8/97	Sandra Dueck	Note saying she talked to Leonard Buhl 7/8/97 to ask if Strattons had received the mail since he had signed the PS Form 3811.
469	1	7/10/97	Dan Avery	Note including a data table showing the only mining claims with surface rights on the Deerlodge portion of the B-D.
470	2	7/11/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Catherine Hicks about her request to see the Stratton case file. Asks her to verify her address. Includes FOIA regulations, and asks if she plans to ask for copies of records in the district's files.
471	3	7/11/97	Mark A. Reavis, Historic Preservation Officer, Silver Bow Cty.	Letter to Paul Putz, State Historic Preservation Officer. Reavis supports Stratton land exchange and asks Putz to review Section 106 requirements the Forest Service must follow.
472	3	7/14/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying Vady Stratton is in a state of fear since the 6/20/97 meeting. Asks Grant to issue a statement to put her mind at ease.
473	12	7/15/97	Joe M. Goldenstern, Orvana Resources	Letter to Pat Barringer saying Mark, Etta, David, and Vadis Stratton entered into a mining lease with option of purchase agreement with Orvana Resources Corp. 6/1/96. Orvana wants to be kept informed of any discussions that concern Orvana or their activities in Nevin Hill and Highland City. Encloses copy of Humbug placer mining claim patent.
474	1	7/15/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton extending response date to Settlement Agreement to September 1.
475	3	7/19/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt in response to bill for FOIA. Asks for cost of information for each of 4 categories of information.
476	3	7/20/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt in response to his 6/23/97 letter. Talks about draft settlement agreement not being acceptable, public support of Stratton land exchange proposal, confusion over Plan of Operations (Assignment Agreement Number 09-91-01).
477	3	7/21/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt in response to preliminary draft of Settlement Agreement submitted to Stratton 6/20/97. Itemizes items in error or missing from the agreement. Encloses copy of Settlement Agreement and Quitclaim sent to Strattons 6/20/97.
478	2	7/22/97	Unknown	Photographs labeled "Strattons".

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479	10	7/23/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Hal Salwasser summarizing dealings with the Jefferson District and asking for the information for the submittal of a Land Trade Proposal to the Forest Service. Enclosed copies of recent communications with Grant Godbolt's office, copy of Land Trade Proposal submitted to Debbie Austin, and articles about his dad's childhood in the Highlands.
480	2	7/28/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton itemizing cost of FOIA request as requested in Dave's 7/19/97 letter.
481	2	7/29/97	Forest Service	Briefing Paper, Stratton Family Occupancy.
482	3	7/30/97	Gerry Alcock, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Burns in response to his 7/8/97 inquiry. Discusses land exchange objectives, the earlier offer to let the Strattons live on the Forest land all their lives, mining law and validity, and the bond.
483	2	8/1/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 7/14/97 letter. Talks about choices we have with the house, comment on Ruby Ridge, and responsibility.
484	4	8/6/97	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Debbie Austin enclosing three letters from Dave Stratton (7/21/97 to Grant Godbolt, 7/23/97 to Hal Salwasser, and 7/23/97 to Pat Barringer about snow removal) and the Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Office (8/11/97 letter from Mark Reavis to Kim Krueger, and 8/11/97 letter to Paul Putz). Asks Debbie to address all the concerns.
485	1	8/11/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Vickie Sullivan, DEQ. Alerts her the Stratton residence septic system appears not to be functioning properly. Encloses maps to the site.
486	2	8/12/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Highlands homesteaders asked to move from land."
487	1	8/12/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to Editor, Montana Standard correcting story on Stratton family in 8/12/97 paper.
488	2	8/13/97	Conrad Burns, Senator	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking for additional information about the Stratton case.
489	2	8/14/97	Associated Press	Article from internet, "Eviction has family, ranger in wrangle".
490	1	8/15/97	The Billings Gazette	Article, "Ranger targets squatters".
491	1	8/15/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton asking for more information on the Moonlight Mill Site claim and property he proposes to trade. Can extend 9/1 deadline for settlement agreement to give him time to collect information.
492	1	8/17/97	Montana Standard	Article, "Time to move off the public's land", by Grant Godbolt.

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493	3	8/20/97	Sandra Morris, Archeologist	Memo to District Ranger about cultural resources and the Stratton case. Includes record search, field inventory, discussion of project impacts, and recommendations. Minimum of three cultural sites we must consider in the land trade alternative for resolving Stratton case.
494	2	8/20/97	Kathleen McAllister, for Regional Forester	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 7/23/97 letter. Concurs with Deborah Austin's recommendation in her 8/13/97 letter to Dave. Continue to work with District Ranger and Forest Supervisor for resolution.
495	4	8/20/97	Thomas Heintz, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to the five letters he enclosed with his 8/6/97 letter. Talks about historic resources, snow removal, and repeats responses to 6/25/97 letter of Dave Stratton, sent to Conrad Burns 7/30/97.
496	2	8/20/97	Edward A. Thamke, MT Dept. Environmental Quality	Letter to Grant Godbolt telling him to contact Paul Riley of Silver Bow County Health Department about the Stratton septic system.
497	1	8/21/97	Grant Godbolt	Note to Debbie Austin and others about phone calls from Burn and Baucus' offices. No land exchange or occupancy decision yet.
498	3	8/20/97	Erena Stratton-Reevs	Letter to Senator Baucus with Stratton's Highlands history, asking for his help because the Forest Service wants to move her family off their land.
499	15	8/21/97	Ray TeSoro	Note to Debbie Austin with summary of mining related occupancy trespass cases. Includes paper by Michael Burnside, 1997.
500	1	8/22/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton clarifying time line and purpose of Settlement Agreement. Still depends on decision about land exchange.
501	1	8/22/97	Patricia Barringer	Documents conversation about Strattons with some citizens of Basin, MT.
502	1	8/24/97	Vady Stratton	Opinion in Montana Standard responding to Grant Godbolt's opinion of 8/17/97.
503	1	8/27/97	Forest Service	Cancelled Bill for Collection for Stratton FOIA request (dated 7/1/97).
504	1	8/28/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Specialist studies proposed land exchange in Highlands"; "Anxiety over quit-claim deed eases for longtime residents".

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505	3	9/2/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Burns in response to his 8/13/97 letter asking for information about the Stratton occupancy. Enclosed copies of: 9/14/39 Special Use Permit; 6/27/77 note to file; 8/9/77 note from SO to RO; 2/9/78 letter from RO to Stratton; 5/19/78 letter from Roginske to Uivary; 2/25/80 letter from Linch to Stratton; 3/4/78 note to files about bond; 3/5/91 letter form Godbolt to Stratton about bond; 3/27/91 letter from Godbolt to First Bank Butte about bond; 3/29/91 letter from Godbolt to Stratton paying him bond interest; 4/10/91 letter from Godbolt to Stratton about bond; 6/14/91 letter from Weikel to First Bank about bond, with signed Assignment Agreement and copy of CD; 8/16/78 milling plan of operations; 10/29/79 Amended Declaratory Statement; 9/19/78 Amendment to Millsite Operating Plan; 11/6/78 Reclamation Plan for Millsites; 11/13/78 Settling Pond; 8/25/78 letter from Day to District Ranger; 9/10/78 road Plan of Operations; 9/22/78 letter from Uivary to Stratton approved NOI; 7/23/79 letter from Stratton to Uivary; 9/7/79 letter from Uivary to Stratton approved millsite POO; 7/30/93 letter from Godbolt to Stratton approving POO, Upper Highland Group POO.
506	1	9/2/97	Patricia Barringer	Note documenting conversation with member of public about Stratton occupancy.
507	7	9/2/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to David Stratton responding to his 7/21/97 letter about the proposed settlement agreement. Encloses "References in Chronological District File".
508	2	9/5/97	Jack Lynch, Butte Silver-Bow Chief Executive	Letter to Congressman Rick Hill asking him to review the issues surrounding the relocation of the Strattons.
509	2	9/10/97	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Grant Godbolt enclosing letter from a constituent (8/20/97, Erena Stratton-Reeves). Asks Grant for his comments.
510	2	9/10/97	Paul A. Riley, County Sanitarian	Letter to Grant Godbolt documenting investigation of Stratton's sewer treatment system. They found no problems.
511	1	9/11/97	Dan Avery	Note to District Ranger saying he contacted Paul Riley to inspect Stratton's sewage treatment system. Paul called his and said his inspection showed no problem.
512	3	9/12/97	Beaverhead- Deerlodge National Forest	Briefing Paper, Stratton Family Occupancy. Background, General Problem, Key Points, Current Options, and For More Information.

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513	2	9/16/97	Grant Godbolt	Fax cover sheets sending 9/12/97 briefing paper to Mike Harris, Cindy Perdue-Dolan and Jim Kuipers.
514	1	9/15/97	Rick Hill, Representative	Letter to Mr. Godbolt enclosing letter from Jack Lynch about the Stratton family. Asks for response.
515	1	9/15/97	Pat Barringer	Note documenting comments from unnamed man about Stratton occupancy.
516	1	9/16/97	Steve Hicks	Letter to Debbie Austin advising her to rein in the district ranger and trade land with Strattons.
517	2	9/18/97	Fritz Daily	Letter to Senator Burns supporting Stratton's occupying the mill site.
518	2	9/18/97	Jack de Golia, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to 8/20/97 letter to him from Erena Stratton Reevs.
519	1	9/23/97	Patricia Barringer	Public Contact Record, documenting conversation with Kenneth Waldron of Butte. He doesn't think the Strattons deserve any consideration from the FS.
520	1	9/23/97	Grant Godbolt	Public Contact Record, documenting conversation with unnamed person, about Stratton occupancy.
521	1	9/24/97	Eric Tolf, for District Ranger	Letter to David Stratton saying the Forest Service is proceeding with a detailed analysis of his land exchange proposal, while also starting a surface use determination examination.
522	2	9/25/97	Dave Stratton	Dear Editor letter to the Butte Weekly about Stratton occupancy.
523	6	9/25/97	John McKay	Fax to Pat Barringer. Sends Aug. 1997 letter from Vady Stratton to John McKay, and John's 9/16/97 draft response. Asks for review of John's letter.
524	1	9/26/97	Grant Godbolt	Note faxed to John McKay with response to his draft letter of 9/16/97.
525	1	9/26/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Representative Hill responding to Jack Lynch's 9/5/97 letter to him about the Stratton occupancy.
526	1	9/28/97	Steve Hicks	Submission to The Montana Standard's "Our Readers Speak" about the Stratton occupancy.
527	2	9/29/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Editor of The Butte Weekly responding to Dave Stratton's 9/25/97 letter to the editor.
528	2	9/29/97	Peri Suenram, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Steve Hicks responding to his letter of 9/15/97.

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529	2	10/3/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Frances Hooker responding to her 9/23 letter about Vady and Dave Stratton.
530	1	10/8/97	Grant Godbolt	Public Contact Record of conversation with "2 Local Merchants" about Stratton occupancy.
531	1	10/8/97	Grant Godbolt	Public Contact Record of conversation with "Local Whitehall Merchant" about Stratton occupancy.
532	1	10/15/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Deborah Austin in "The Butte Weekly" about the Stratton land trade proposal.
533	2	10/15/97	Stan Frasier, Pres. MT Wildlife Federation	Letter to Grant Godbolt opposing issuance of any new special occupancy permits or land trades with Strattons.
534	1	10/20/97	Patricia Barringer	Memo to District Ranger about Stratton septic system. Traces history of septic system inspection.
535	1	10/20/97	David P. Ashley	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District offering understanding in the difficult situation they face on a daily basis. Refers to trespass in the Highlands and Elkhorns.
536	1	10/28/97	Joe Gutkoski	Letter to Grant Godbolt supporting their recent efforts to clear up Stratton's occupancy.
537	1	10/28/97	Dan Avery, Forest Mining Engineer	Letter to Grant Godbolt about a phone conversation with Dave Stratton. They talked about scheduling the special use determination, the 1978 plan of operations,
538	2	10/30/97	George Gordon	Letter to Debbie Austin about the Stratton occupancy. Support Strattons continuing to live where they are.
539	2	10/31/97	Bob Cole, President Flathead Wildlife, Inc.	Letter to Grant Godbolt after reviewing 9/12/97 briefing paper on Stratton occupancy. Support option 1, with option 4 as backup.
540	3	11/3/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt about the missing entrance sign on Fish Creek road.
541	2	11/5/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton clarifying the status of a plan of operations for the mill site, and the information needed for a surface use determination. Enclosed 3/5/91 letter from Grant asking for updated POO for millsite.
542	1	11/18/97	Jack de Golia, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to George Gordon in response to his 10/30/97 letter.

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543	2	11/19/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 11/3/97 letter about the missing Fish Creek entrance sign.
544	1	11/24/97	Bob Lucas, President Big Sky Upland Bird Association	Letter to Grant Godbolt about the Stratton occupancy. Says the property should be returned to the people of the United States.
545	1	11/25/97	Ernest Freund, Sec. Laurel Rod & Gun Club	Letter to Grant Godbolt about the Stratton occupancy. Says their 300 members oppose the illegal occupancy of public land.
546	1	12/2/97	S. Morris	Note about 12/2/97 phone call from Dave Stratton. His mother is concerned about arson.
547	1	12/4/97	Larry Kieckbusch	Note saying KBOW Partyline had a call in show on 11/25 or 26 1997 about what people were thankful for. One of the Strattons called in to say their situation with the FS had improved.
548	1	12/5/97	Grant	Note to Pat, Gary H. and Debbie about discussion with Mike Harris of Senator Burns Office regarding Stratton briefing paper.
549	1	12/18/97	Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to the Editor, Montana Standard. Corrects errors in their 12/18/97 article about the Stratton occupancy.
550	1	12/18/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Inside Edition' featuring Highlands land dispute".
551	1	12/18/97	Sandy Kieckbusch	Note to Grant Godbolt that Steve Hicks stopped, asking to see the Stratton case file. He reviewed several files.
552	1	12/21/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Cutthroat trout discovery spices Highlands dispute".
553	5	12/29/97	Dave Stratton	Fax to regional office sending 11/8/97 letter he sent to RO and asking for response. Also sent 10/30/97 letter he sent to Mike Dombeck, as it was a part of the 11/8/97 letter.
554	1	1/6/98	Don & Beth Bernard	Letter to Debbie Austin about the Stratton Occupancy.
555	2	1/7/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Sandy Morris about historical investigations for the Stratton family land trade.
556	3	1/14/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Jefferson County Attorney including emergency safety plan for the Stratton mill.
557	2	1/14/98	Ted Kamrud	Data table about Stratton claims.
558	2	1/26/98	Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 10/30/97 letter to Mike Dombeck.
559	13	1/27/98	Unsigned	History of Plans of Operation, Stratton Occupancy Case; History of Compliance; Documentation on Mining Claims and Bond Determinations.

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560	3	2/2/98	Dan Avery and Gary Howard	Memo to Forest Supervisor, Chronology of the Stratton Mill Site Plan of Operation.
561	3	2/3/98	Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton answering questions he asked in a 1/6/98 phone conversation with Debbie Austin.
562	9	2/12/98	Dan Avery	Statements That Are Not Founded in Fact.
563	4	3/4/98	Jane Darnell	Fax to Gary Howard sending 2/4/98 letter from USDI to Representative Bud Shuster; 2/2/98 letter from Bud Shuster to Secretary of the Interior; and 1/5/98 letter from Donald C. Varner to Mr. Shuster. Fax asks for draft of response to Mr. Varner's letter for Lyon's signature.
564	6	3/24/98	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton asking him to update information on the bond at First Bank Butte.
565	2	6/22/98	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton as follow-up to 6/15/98 phone conversation. Asks for meeting to discuss surface use determination. Unopened certified letter returned to sender.
566	3	6/24/98	Guy Adams	IBM correspondence with "Mike" about recreation residences and if this option fits the Strattons.
567	2	6/28/98	The Montana Standard	Story about Highland City and the Stratton Mill in a supplement, "The Way We Were". Written by Dave Stratton.
568	1	7/7/98	The Montana Standard	Obituary for William Highland Stratton, died July 2, 1998. Brother to Howard Stratton.
569	1	Unknown	Unknown	Obituary for William Highland Stratton, died July 2, 1998. Brother to Howard Stratton.
570	1	7/8/98	The Butte Weekly	A list of building permits in Butte-Silver Bow in June.
571	2	7/10/98	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton referring to earlier letter about beginning the surface use determination. Unopened certified letter returned to sender.
572	1	7/15/98	Pat Barringer	Fax cover sheet sending 7/10/98 letter to Dave Stratton to Jack de Golia. Says 7/10/98 certified letter was not picked up, but both it and the 6/22/98 letter were also sent regular mail.
573	2	7/15/98	Pat Barringer	Memo to files documenting phone calls about the Stratton surface use determination. Calls were to Mark Stratton's home, by Dave Stratton to the RO and U.S. Attorney, and with Sherry Matteucci.
574	1	7/16/98	Guy Adams	Internal IBM notes saying to keep Kim Krueger informed about Stratton surface use determination proceedings.

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575	17	7/17/98	Thomas Heintz, Acting Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton about getting power to his private land and procedures for a surface use determination.
576	16	7/21/98	Becky, Regional Forester's Office	Fax including 7/20/98 letter from Dave Stratton to Dale Bosworth with its enclosures: 9/7/79 letter from John Uivary to Howard Stratton, 1/30/98 letter from Skyline Sportsmen's Assn. to Deborah Austin; 12/21/97 article about westslope cutthroat on Stratton land; photo of Stratton hydroelectric plant; 7/20/98 invoice for photocopying and mailing, written to Dave Stratton.
577	3	7/22/98	Dan Avery, Forest Mining Engineer	Memo to Forest Supervisor titled, "Allegations Made by Dave Stratton."
578	2	7/31/98	Linda D. Goodman, for Regional Forester	Letter to Dave Stratton in response to his 7/20/98 letter.
579	2	8/10/98	Sherry Scheel Matteucci, US Atty.	Letter to Dave Stratton acknowledging receipt of materials he sent her, and answering his questions.
580	1	8/11/98	Ray TeSoro	Documentation of a phone call with Dave Stratton about rescheduling surface use determination.
581	1	8/21/98	Paul Putz, State Historic Preservation Officer	Memo to Mike Ryan, Archaeologist, Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest. About historic property known as the Stratton Mill.
582	1	8/24/98	Linda D. Goodman, for Regional Forester	Letter to Dave Stratton about field work for surface use determination.
582A	16	9/9/98	Unknown	Rough Draft Deed of Conservation Easement, Gildersleeve family.
583	2	9/9/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Mr. TeSoro, Regional Office postponing the surface use determination scheduled for 9/15/98.
584	2	9/9/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Mr. TeSoro, Regional Office issuing a no trespass order for his buildings and other personal property at the Historic Stratton Mill.
585	3	9/15/98	Deborah Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton not postponing the surface use determination. The letter was hand-delivered on 9/16/98.
586	1	9/16/98	John Joy	Note to the files documenting delivery of a letter to Mrs. Stratton.
586A	1	9/16/98	Amber Mabbot	Note to the files documenting delivery of a letter to Mrs. Stratton.
587	2	9/24/98	Dan Avery	Request to BLM for copies of location notices for mining claim serial numbers.
588	2	9/30/98	Whitehall Ledger	"Whitehall Q&A With Grant Godbolt, district ranger Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest".

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589	1	10/14/98	Dan Avery	Documentation of phone call with Rob Fredericks in Orvana's Coeur d'Alene office.
590	1	10/16/98	Ray TeSoro	Memo to Forest Supervisor updating her on the surface use determination and documenting two phone calls with Dave Stratton.
591	1	10/22/98	Ron Spoon, MDFWP Fishery Biologist	Letter to Dave Stratton about potential for cutthroat trout enhancement in Fish Creek.
592	2	11/16/98	Jack Craven Acting Director of Land, USDA FS	Letter to Congressman Shuster in reply to his 2298 letter to the Secretary of the Interior, about the Stratton family.
593	1	11/20/98	Deborah Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Mark Stratton regarding expiration date of special use permit for water transmission line
594	1	1/4/99	Nancy Rusho Nez Perce NF	Documentation of phone call with Doyle Albers to discuss the Butte Highlands project. Note mentions Strattons as owners of properties in the Highlands leased by Orvana.
595	8	1/5/99	Pat Barringer	Fax to Ray TeSoro containing claim information
596	1	2/3/99	Dale Bosworth Regional Forester	Letter to Senator Burns in response to his 1/11/99 letter to the regional office about the Stratton mill site.
597	12	3/5/99	Grant Godbolt	Fax cover with enclosures to Debbie Austin regarding Plan of Operations.
598	3	5/11/99	Rick Hill and Conrad Burns	Letter to Dale N. Bosworth regarding SUD.
599	2	5/28/99	Dale Bosworth, Regional Forester	Letter to Senator burns and Congressman Hill responding to letter dated 5/11/99 explaining SUD.
600	1	9/26/99	Dori McLaughlin, Budget Analyst	Memo regarding a time savings certificate

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601	1	2/22/00	Gary Howard	Memo to Janette Kaiser regarding life tenure
602	2	3/27/00	Ron B. Wiseman, Acting District Ranger	Letter to Highland gold Properties, attn: Dave Stratton regarding reclamation bond.
603	7	3/24/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Letter to David Stratton transmitting decision on SUD
604	6	5/9/00	Dave Stratton	Notice of Appeal on SUD 605
605	2	5/18/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Letter to David Stratton initiating another appeal period
606	1	5/18/00		Affidavit of Certified mail contents sent to Dave Stratton
607	2	5/18/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Copy of David Stratton letter sent to Vadis Stratton initiating another appeal period.
608	1	8/18/00		Affidavit of Certified mail contents sent to Vadis Stratton
609	2	5/18/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Copy of David Stratton letter sent to Mark Stratton initiating another appeal period.
610	1	8/18/00		Affidavit of Certified mail contents sent to Mark Stratton
611	1	6/1/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Letter to David Stratton documenting his intent to withdraw his first appeal
612	1	6/9/00	Gary Morrison, Recreation and Lands Director	Letter to David Stratton dismissing his initial appeal
613	1			Return receipts from letters to Dave, Mark, and Vadis Stratton initiating another appeal period
614	4	7/3/00	Dave Stratton	Notice of Appeal on SUD
615	1	7/10/00	Gary Morrison	Letter to Dave Stratton Notifying him of receipt of his appeal
616	1	8/4/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Request for extension on submitting responsive statement to Stratton Mill appeal
617	1	8/7/00	Gary Morrison	Approval of extension for submitting responsive statement
617.5	8	9/1/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Responsive Statement to Stratton's Appeal

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618	2	9/19/00	Dave Stratton	Appellant's response to Forest Supervisor's responsive statement
619	1	9/26/00	Gary Morrison, Reviewing Officer	Letter to Dave Stratton closing the appeal record
620	1	10/24/00	Gary Morrison, Reviewing Officer	Letter to Dave Stratton extending review period of the appeal record to 12/8/00.
621	2	11/29/00	Gary Morrison, Reviewing Officer	Letter to Janette Kaiser and Dave Stratton requesting additional information for his consideration in deciding the appeal
622	5	11/20/00	Pat Barringer	Responses to contentions made in the Stratton appeal
623	4	Unknown	Dan Avery	Responses to contentions made in the Stratton appeal
624	2	No date		Jefferson District sign records
625	1	1/17/01	Jeffrey Roundy	Message on Roundy's involvement in the Stratton case
626	1	1/18/01	Linsey Strickland	Message on Strickland's involvement in the Stratton case
627	1	1/19/01	Jeffrey Roundy	Message on King's involvement in the Stratton case
628	13	1/30/01	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Responsive statement transmitting additional information on Stratton Appeal

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		7/28/99	Ray TeSoro and NancyRusho	Surface Use Determination for the Moonlight and Last Chance Unpatented Mill Sites on Roaring Brook, Highland Mountains, Silver Bow County, Montana

Related documents are found in files for Stratton road use and snow plowing, Stratton Proposed Land Exchange, 1997 and 1998.



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Date: December 4, 2000

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Mr. David Stratton
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Dear Ms. Kaiser and Mr. Stratton:

Under the authority at 36 CFR 251.95 (c), I am asking the Parties to this appeal, Appellant David Stratton and Respondent Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, to provide additional information for my consideration in deciding this appeal.

I ask the Parties to provide additional documentation on the following allegations Appellant asserts in his appeal:

1. The District Ranger and Assistant Ranger publicly and falsely announced through numerous newspaper articles and briefing documents that Appellant was a trespasser on the public land before any studies were conducted.
2. The historic sign stating "Stratton Mill 7 Miles" was removed and replaced before any studies were conducted.
3. Forest employee Dan Avery used the Surface Use Determination as a threat and insisted that Appellant's mother sign over her personal property while under severe pressure and duress by a group of Forest Service employees.
4. Pat Barringer declared that her group has never lost a land battle and considers the preservation of the Stratton mill to be one of her personal land battles.
5. The land trade was officially proposed and had a predetermined outcome; the group conducting the land trade refused to follow Federal Land Trade procedures; and the public was not allowed to be involved even though thousands of public citizens sent letters and signed petitions supporting the land trade and the preservation of the Stratton mill.

6. Tom Heintz (Acting Forest Supervisor) stated that the Forest Service would not destroy the Stratton Mill, but the Forest Service was going to force Appellant to leave and if he took his personal property he would be destroying the Stratton mill and not the Forest Service. Appellant asserts that Mr. Heintz made this statement before any studies were conducted and that this statement shows that the Beaverhead Deerlodge Forest Service thinks that they have found a loophole in the Historic Preservation laws.
7. Pat Barringer stated that she was going to make Appellant's home a rental cabin and later said that she would maybe take out the windows and let it rot, and made these statements before any studies were conducted.
8. Grant Godbolt disclosed that the directive from the Region One office was to remove the Historic Stratton Mill.
9. The Forest Service rejected Stratton's homestead application because the Forest Service thought it might want to build a sawmill there someday.
10. Appellant has not been informed of the status of the investigation of a small group of Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Service employees in regard to his case.
 11. The list of items to be removed listed in the decision is outdated and the time schedules for compliance with the decision are unrealistic. Appellant is not going to destroy 130 years of history and heritage in a few months.
12. Strattons are continuing reclamation of the site along with the operations as per their approved Plan of Operations.
 13. The Beaverhead Deerlodge Forest has refused to discuss, propose, outline, explore, plan or talk about any preservation of the Stratton mill. Appellant asserts that Forest employees Pat Barringer and Grant Godbolt want to destroy this rare piece of history.
14. Former Forest Supervisor Deborah Austin ordered Rangers escorted with Forest Service law enforcement armed with loaded weapons to the door of Appellant's mother's house, placing his mother's life in danger, and causing her to seek medical and physiological treatment. Appellant asserts that this occurred after the Forest Supervisor received a No Trespass Order from appellant.

The Parties to this appeal must limit any information submitted in response to this letter to the above issues and submit it to this office by January 30, 2001. All information the Parties submit will be included in the Appeal Record. As required by 36 CFR 251.95, I will provide a copy of information I receive in response to this letter to the Parties of this appeal and allow each Party an opportunity to comment on the other's submittal.

In my review of this appeal, I will then evaluate the information and comments the Parties submit. Questions regarding the processing of this appeal should be directed to Ray Thompson, Program Coordinator, telephone number (406) 329-3410.

Sincerely,

/s/Gary A. Morrison
GARY A. MORRISON
Director of Recreation, Minerals,
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Appeal Reviewing Officer



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File Code: 1570 (251 Appeal)

Date: September 1, 2000

Route To:

Subject: Responsive Statement, Stratton Mill Appeal

To: Appeal Reviewing Officer, Kathy McAllister

In accordance with 36 CFR 251.94 (b) I am hereby submitting the responsive statement for the Stratton Mill appeal.

The appeal record is contained in nine volumes with several sections. An index of the project file is attached to this letter. The project file will be delivered to your office the week of August 28th. References are made throughout this letter to the project file. In addition, I am including volumes of information on the Stratton land exchange, cultural resource inventory and cultural data, Stratton roads, and Stratton maps.

Decision Being Appealed

On May 18, 2000, Forest Supervisor Janette S. Kaiser signed a decision on the extent of use and disturbance of National Forest system lands on and in the vicinity of the Moonlight and Last Chance mill site claims. A letter announcing this decision was sent to the parties associated with these mill site claims: David Stratton, Mark Stratton, and Vadis Stratton. The decision determined that the parties occupancy and uses of National Forest System lands on the Moonlight and Last Chance mill sites are not reasonably necessary or justified under the mining laws. Based on this decision, Supervisor Kaiser determined that the continued occupancy and use would not serve to minimize adverse environmental impacts to the surface resources, as required by 36 CFR 228 Subpart A. Third, it was determined the milling operation that may have once occurred under the 1979 plan of operations is now in the abandonment state, therefore, the Strattons are not in compliance with the removal and reclamation provisions in the 1979 Forest Service environmental analysis report, the 1979 plan of operation and accompanying reclamation plan, and the Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 228.10. The decision included a schedule for the Strattons to come into compliance with Federal law, Forest Service regulations, and the reclamation provisions of the 1979 operating plan. This included a list of items to be removed from the National Forest by September 30, 2000.

Attempts at Resolution

The project file is filled with documentation of the Forest's efforts to keep the Congressional delegation informed. Letters were sent to Baucus and Burns' offices on the status of the Stratton case. (Appeal Record, Documents 411, 449, 456, 467, 482, 495, 505, 513, 518, 558, 566). Senator Burns acknowledged the Jefferson District had been in contact with Mike Harris of

Burns' office regarding the proposed actions toward the Strattons (Appeal Record, Document 467). The Forest met with Mike Harris to discuss the Stratton issue (Appeal Record, Document 566).

The Forest made numerous attempts to meet with Dave Stratton to discuss and resolve the issue. Examples of these many attempts include the following. Ranger Godbolt wrote Dave Stratton regarding choices for the house on the National Forest. In this letter he asks Mr. Stratton to meet with him to find a resolution. (Appeal Record, Document 483). Ranger Godbolt wrote Mr. Stratton requesting a meeting to discuss the SUD. (Appeal Record, Document 565). Forest Supervisor Austin also wrote Mr. Stratton offering to sit down with him and discuss possibilities for a land exchange. (Appeal Record, Document 561). The Regional Forester wrote Mr. Stratton asking him of his availability to meet for a field examination for the Surface Use Determination. (Appeal Record, Document 578). In response to these attempts, Mr. Stratton issued a no trespassing order to Ray TeSoro who was chosen to conduct the SUD. (Appeal Record, Document 584). Mr. Stratton also wrote Mr. TeSoro saying he wanted to postpone the SUD. (Appeal Record, Document 583). Supervisor Kaiser, in her letter to Dave Stratton transmitting her decision, offered to arrange a meeting with the Strattons to discuss settlement options. (Appeal Record, Document 603).

Background Information

The Forest Service has been concerned for quite some time about the extent of the use and disturbance of National Forest System lands on and in the vicinity of the Moonlight and Last Chance mill site claims. Because of the complexities of the situation, former Forest Supervisor Deborah Austin directed her staff to conduct a comprehensive review of the past and present use of National Forest System lands by the Strattons, and ways to resolve the situation. To avoid any question of bias and insure a professional analysis, Ms. Austin also requested two Forest Service Certified Mineral Examiners from elsewhere in the Region to conduct an independent investigation and complete a surface use determination report. The purpose of the report was to provide the Forest Supervisor with information, recommendations, and conclusions about the reasonableness and justification of the Stratton's occupancy under the mining laws. (Surface Use Determination Report, Page 1).

Forest Supervisor Kaiser carefully considered the contents of the Surface Use Determination Report as well as all other information in the record for this case.

Decision Documentation Responding to Points of Appeal

Contention 1: *The decision had a pre-determined outcome and has a strong personal bias.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Contention 1:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Volume 9	Surface Use Determination dated 7/28/99.

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Document 561	2810 letter dated 2/3/98 from Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton informing him of her decision to initiate a SUD.
Document 565	2810 letter dated 6/22/98 from Ranger Godbolt to Dave Stratton asking for Dave and Mike Stratton to work with the FS on the SUD.
Document 570	2810 letter dated 7/10/98 from Ranger Godbolt to Dave Stratton asking for Stratton's assistance on the SUD.
Document 578	2810 letter dated 7/31/98 from the Regional Forester's office to Dave Stratton, signed by Linda D. Goodman for Dale Bosworth. Letter assigns TeSoro and Rusho to complete the SUD.
Document 583	Letter dated 9/9/98 from Dave Stratton to Ray TeSoro regarding a time period to view the Quartz Hill operations.
Document 584	Letter dated 9/9/98 from Dave Stratton to Ray TeSoro issuing a No Trespass Order.
Document 585	2810 letter dated 9/15/98 from Supervisor Austin to Dave Stratton informing him she has directed TeSoro and Rusho to proceed with the SUD on 9/17/98.

Forest Supervisor Austin informed Mr. Stratton on February 3, 1998 that she had decided to initiate a Surface Use Determination (SUD) to fully analyze use of the mill sites under the mining laws. In this letter she asked Mr. Stratton for any information he had to support his position under the mining laws that could be used in preparing the SUD. (Appeal Record, Document 561). District Ranger Godbolt wrote Dave Stratton on June 22, 1998 asking to meet with him regarding the SUD, and asking Dave and Mark Stratton to work with the Forest Service on the SUD. This letter was sent certified, but was never picked up by Mr. Stratton. (Appeal Record, Document 565). Ranger Godbolt wrote Dave Stratton on July 10, 1998 requesting either Dave or Mark Stratton to be at the site during the investigation for the SUD. He requested assistance from the Strattons in order to have the most current and complete information. A letter was then sent from the Regional Forester informing Dave Stratton that he had assigned Nancy Rusho from the Nez Perce N.F. and Ray TeSoro from the Regional Office to perform the field examination and complete the report for the SUD (Appeal Record, Document 578). This letter states the mineral examiners would perform an objective examination of the mill site and any associated claims. Supervisor Austin informed Mr. Stratton on September 15, 1998 that she was unwilling to postpone the SUD and field work would begin September 17, 1998. She tells Mr. Stratton that he has had ample time since September 1997 to prepare documentation he felt would justify occupancy under the mining laws. This letter also lists the numerous attempts made by the forest to provide information to Mr. Stratton and to attempt to meet with him. (Appeal Record, Document 585).

Ms. Rusho and Mr. TeSoro considered the regional geology of the area, the mining history of the district, the known mineral resources of the district, and current mining activities in the district. They conducted a field investigation of the Stratton family's mining properties and activities in the area. They determined the state of the Stratton family's mining and milling operations, and evaluated whether the surface uses on the Moonlight and last Chance mill sites were reasonably necessary for the stage of operations. They considered past and existing uses at the mill site as

well as the uses as proposed in the 1979 approved Plan of Operations and related documents. The thoroughness of Ms. Rusho's and Mr. TeSoro's examination demonstrates there was no personal bias.

Several attempts were made to get Mr. Stratton's input for the SUD so that an objective evaluation could be performed. Mr. Stratton set a time period of July 20-24, 1999 for the examiners to view the operation of the Quartz Mill. (Appeal Record, Document 583). That same day, Mr. Stratton issued a No Trespass Order for the buildings and other personal property located at the Stratton Mill. (Appeal Record, Document 584).

Contention 2: Norman Day, Forest Service Mineral Examiner is now not considered to be competent enough for his work to be relied upon. The Plan of Operations was approved based on Norman Day's validity determination. All operations have continued as per the Plan of Operations.

Decision Documentation Addressing Contention 2:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Document 1, SUD document	1979 approved Plan Of Operations / Environmental Analysis Report
Document 269	Field notes for Stratton Millsite Validity Examination
Document 270	Plane table and alidade map of Stratton Millsite area
Document 274	Memo to Ranger Uivary documenting what has been done to date on the validity examination
Document 278	2800 memo dated 8/20/79 from Forest Supervisor to District Ranger saying the Stratton Mill Site EAR is approved contingent upon 3 items.
Document 279	2800 letter dated 9/7/79 notifying Howard Stratton the Plan of Operations was approved.
Document 280	2810 letter dated 9/10/79 from Norman Day outlining his schedule for completing the mineral exam
Document 295	2810 letter dated 11/2/79 from Norman Day summarizing events for the mineral exam.
Document 309	2810 memo dated 11/30/79 from District Ranger to Forest Supervisor agreeing with Day's recommendation that the mineral exam be completed the summer of 1980.
Document 432	1993 approved Plan of Operations for Moonlight and Last Chance sites
Document 537	2810 memo dated 11/28/97 from Dan Avery to Ranger Godbolt regarding need for a new POO for the Stratton Mill
Document 541	2810 memo dated 11/5/97 from Ranger Godbolt, signed by Pat Barringer, to Dave Stratton regarding the need for a new POO

Mr. Stratton's initial Plan of Operations (POO) and Environmental Analysis Report (Appeal Record, Volume 9, Document 1 of the SUD) were approved in 1979, prior to completion of the mineral exam conducted by Norman Day. (Appeal Record, Documents 278, 279). Norman Day conducted field work for the validity exam on July 5 and 6, 1979 (Appeal Record, Documents 269 and 270). In a letter to Ranger Uivary, Mr. Day outlines the work completed for the validity exam, and states he will complete the exam after Howard Stratton has finished monumenting all corners. (Appeal Record, Document 274). The POO was approved by the Forest Supervisor based upon Norm Day furnishing the following information: a). the status of the validity determination that was started on July 3, 1979, b). what remained to be done to complete the validity determination, and c). the date the validity determination was to be completed. This memo includes a report from Mr. Day in which he recommends terminating any further work on the Stratton exam that fall, with plans to complete the exam the following summer whether or not the Strattons had the claim corners monumented or had workings open for sampling. (Appeal Record, Document 278). Mr. Day outlined for the District Ranger his plans for completing the Stratton mineral exam. (Appeal Record, Document 280). Mr. Day later wrote a memo to the Jefferson District Ranger summarizing the events of the mineral exam. In this summary he notes delays in completing the exam because not all the necessary corners could be located. (Appeal Record, Document 295). The District Ranger wrote to the Forest Supervisor on November 30, 1979 recommending the mineral exam be completed the summer of 1980 due to problems with realigning the corners on the lode claims. (Appeal Record, Document 309). In this memo the District Ranger said that from the information available at the present time, it did not appear that the claims were valid. This shows that Mr. Day started a validity examination, but did not complete it because the corner posts could not be located.

A second POO was approved by District Ranger Godbolt for the Moonlight and Last Chance sites on July 31, 1993. This POO was good for one year and expired on July 30, 1994. The Plan covered hand sampling and pick and shovel work only. (Appeal Record, Document 432).

On October 28, 1997, Dan Avery, Forest Mining Engineer, sent a memo to Ranger Godbolt documenting a conversation he had with Dave Stratton regarding the original POO. In this memo Mr. Avery states the forest's position was the plan was not valid and a new plan was needed. He said the 1978 plan was vague as to what was actually going to be done and that a new analysis of the proposed activity was needed. (Appeal Record, Document 537). Ranger Godbolt sent Dave Stratton a letter on 11/5/97 informing him the POO approved in 1979 did not cover activities at the mill site, and that an updated plan should include the present use and future plans, as well as maintenance of the site. (Appeal Record, Document 541).

Contention 3: The Stratton Mill is on private land. A legal homestead was filed in 1913 which the Forest Service withheld the title on.

Decision Documentation Addressing Contention 3:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
SUD, pages 8-9	Information on the history of the land occupancy
Document 2	Application under act of June 11, 1906 by W. F. Stratton to

	homestead along Fish Creek bottom, dated 3/14/12.
Document 6	Map of Fish Creek land
Document 7	Letter from Ranger Kiermeyer to Forest Supervisor saying F.W. Stratton no longer wanted the land in question.
Document 8	Report on Forest Homestead Application
Document 9	Power possibilities of tracts applied for
Document 10	Supplement to Report 110. The land applied for is needed as an administrative site.
Document 11	Letter to W. F. Stratton rejecting his homestead application

W. F. Stratton made application on March 14, 1912 under the Act of June 11, 1906 for a narrow strip of land along Fish Creek bottom. (Appeal Record, Documents 2, 6). On December 2, 1912, Ranger Kiermeyer wrote to the Forest Supervisor informing him F.W. Stratton did not want the land in question and built upon mining claims due south. A report on the homestead application was completed on March 13, 1913. (Appeal Record, Documents 8, 9, 10). This report identified the area applied for as not recommended for listing. On April 29, 1913, W. F. Stratton was informed by letter that the homestead application was rejected because the land applied for was needed for administration purposes. (Appeal Record, Document 11). This demonstrates that the Stratton mill site is not on private land.

Contention 4: The appellant does not have the information needed to make an informed decision or appeal.

Decision Documentation Addressing Contention 4:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Document 603	Decision letter dated 3/24/00 that includes the SUD as an enclosure
Document 604	Notice of Appeal from David Stratton dated 5/9/00
Document 605	Letter to David Stratton initiating another appeal period that included the SUD and the cultural resource report as enclosures.
Document 606	Affidavit of certified mail contents sent to Dave Stratton
Document 607	Copy of letter to David Stratton sent to Vadis Stratton initiating another appeal period that included the SUD and the cultural resource report as enclosures.
Document 608	Affidavit of certified mail contents sent to Vadis Stratton
Document 609	Copy of letter to David Stratton sent to Mark Stratton initiating another appeal period that included the SUD and the cultural resource report as enclosures.
Document 610	Affidavit of certified mail contents sent to Mark Stratton
Document 613	Return receipts for packages sent to the Strattons
Document 456	Letter to Dave Stratton from Ranger Godbolt documenting information was given to Mr. Stratton, and inviting Mr. Stratton to view any and all files

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Document 458	Letter to Ranger Godbolt from Dave Stratton requesting information under FOIA
Document 464	Letter to Dave Stratton regarding his FOIA outlining the costs for processing the FOIA and enclosing a Bill for Collection for \$682 to cover the costs of processing the FOIA
Document 475	Letter from Dave Stratton in response to the bill for collection for FOIA information
Document 503	Cancelled bill for collection

The decision letter dated March 24, 2000 sent to Dave Stratton included a copy of the Surface Use Determination report as an enclosure. Mr. Stratton received this letter, as shown on the return receipt dated March 29, 2000. (Appeal Record, Document 603). Mr. Stratton states in his notice of appeal dated May 9, 2000 that no report was included with the decision letter. (Appeal Record, Document 604). Dave Stratton, Mark Stratton, and Vadis Stratton were each sent another copy of the SUD and a copy of the cultural resource report on May 18, 2000, and another appeal period was initiated to ensure they had time to review the information. (Appeal Record, Documents 605, 607, 609). Affidavits of the contents of the certified mail packages sent to Dave, Mark and Vadis Stratton were signed by the Forest's mail clerk. These affidavits show that a copy of the SUD and a copy of the cultural resource report were sent to the three individuals. (Appeal Record, Documents 606, 608, 610). The return receipts show the packages were received by the individuals. (Appeal Record, Document 613). The decision letter sent to the Strattons informed them the project file was available for their review at the Supervisor's Office in Dillon. They were invited to view the file by appointment. (Documents 605, 607, 609). None of the Strattons made an appointment to view the file.

Mr. Stratton has been provided with information regarding the Stratton mill at various times. In a letter dated June 23, 1997 to Dave, Mark, and Vadis Stratton, Ranger Godbolt documents he provided information regarding the homestead issue of 1912 to Mr. Stratton at a meeting on June 20, 1997. Mr. Godbolt also states that the forest is open to all of Strattons requests for a complete review of the files. Mr. Godbolt offered for Mr. Stratton to meet with Gary Howard on the following Monday to review any and all files. (Appeal Record, Document 456).

Dave Stratton submitted a FOIA for several items of information. (Appeal Record, Document 458). A response on the FOIA was sent to Mr. Stratton on July 1, 1997. (Appeal Record, Document 464). This response outlined the FOIA guidelines the agency had to follow and explains how fees were calculated for processing the FOIA. The letter included a Bill for Collection in the amount of \$682 to Mr. Stratton to cover the costs of processing the FOIA. This letter was sent certified and Mr. Stratton received the letter. Mr. Stratton responded to this bill for information in a letter dated July 19, 1997. (Appeal Record, Document 475). He listed information he would like to receive under FOIA. The Forest Service responded to this second request with the costs of processing this second request. In this letter, Ranger Godbolt refers Mr. Stratton to his July 1 letter that provides information on what is needed to establish a fee waiver

claim. Mr. Stratton did not pay the bill for collection for the FOIA information and the bill was cancelled on August 27, 1997. (Appeal Record, Document 503).

Mr. Stratton has been given numerous opportunities to view any and all files pertaining to his mill sites that would allow him to make an informed decision or appeal. He has been provided with a copy of the SUD and the cultural resource report. The SUD discusses who prepared the report.

Contention 5: *What is the status of the investigations for the small group of Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest Service employees?*

The investigation has been completed and the findings have been given to the appropriate official.

Contention 6: *The appellant is in full compliance with all Federal Laws and the only basis for the April 4, 2000 decision is Forest Service policies.*

Decision Documentation Addressing Contention 6:

APPEAL RECORD REFERENCE	SUBJECT MATTER
Surface Use Determination Report	Summary and conclusions, pages 1-2.

The Surface Use Determination report states the following: “Based on our evaluation as documented in this report, we conclude that the Stratton family is conducting minimal mining activity related to use of the mill sites. Further, any future operations that might be conducted would be in the exploration stage. Therefore, the Stratton family’s occupancy and use of National Forest System lands under the Moonlight mill site and associated Last Chance mill site are not reasonably necessary or justified under the mining laws. Since we conclude that the Stratton Family’s occupancy is not reasonably incident to mining or justified under the mining laws, we also conclude that continued occupancy and use would not serve to minimize adverse environmental impacts to the surface resources, as required by 36 CFR 228 Subpart A.

Based on the lack of mining activity in the area, lack of ore delineated for milling, and the fact that future use of the area for milling is not reasonably foreseeable, we conclude that the Stratton family’s milling operation is at the abandonment stage. Therefore, they should comply with the removal and reclamation provisions in the 1979 Forest Service Environmental Analysis Report, the 1979 plan of operation, and the Forest Service mining regulations at 36 CFR 228.10 regarding cessation of operations.” (Appeal Record, SUD report, pages 1-2).

Should you have questions regarding the information presented in this letter please contact Cindy Tencick, Appeals and Litigation Coordinator, at (406) 683-3930.

/S/JANETTE S. KAISER

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1	1	3/7/12	Kiermeyer, Forest Ranger	Letter to Forest Supervisor asking for homestead application for Mr. Stratton.
2	5	3/14/12	W.F. Stratton	Application under act of June 11, 1906, asking to homestead along Fish Creek bottom. Map enclosed.
3	1	4/20/12	J.W. Streit, Acting Asst. Dist. Forester	Letter to W.F. Stratton saying his application was received and will be reviewed.
4	1	5/23/12	J.W. Streit, Acting Asst. Dist. Forester	Letter to Forest Supervisor, correcting the numbering of applications.
5	1	10/19/12	Acting Supervisor	Letter to W.F. Stratton saying he'll examine the homestead application Oct. 21.
6	1	11/1/12	S.A. Wallace	Map sheet denoting Fish Creek Ranger Station at junction of Fish Creek and Roaring Fork.
7	1	12/2/12	Kiermeyer, Forest Ranger	Letter to Forest Supervisor saying he no longer wants the land in question because it's taking too long. He built elsewhere.
8	1	3/11/13	R. Ferguson, Acting Forest Sup.	Report on Forest Homestead Application.
9	1	3/11/13	S.A. Wallace, Asst. Ranger	Power Possibilities of Tracts Applied For.
10	3	4/19/13	L.C. Stockdale, Forest Supervisor	Supplement to Report 110. The land applied for is needed as an administrative site, posted in 1910.
11	2	4/29/13	D.T. Mason, Acting District Forester	Letter to W.F. Stratton saying his homestead application is rejected.
12	2	9/14/39	Unknown	Special Use Permit, unsigned.
13	2	9/14/39	Stratton Brothers	Special Use Application for dam, flume, sawmill site, and some buildings.
14	2	9/15/39	R.E. Dickinson District Ranger	Approved Report on Applications for Special Use Permits. Stratton Brothers. Six acres for a sawmill and living quarters, with associated buildings and equipment.
15	1	10/11/39	C.A. Joy, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers sending special use permit for their signature.
16	2	10/13/39	Unknown	Photos of the Stratton Complex
17	5	10/16/39	L.M. Stewart, Acting For. Supervisor	Special Use Permit issued to Stratton Brothers for sawmill, shed, cabin, barn, garage, toilet, garbage pit, diversion dam, lumber flume, and pelton wheel.
18	2	'39 - '43	R.A. Watters	Special use inspection report for Stratton Brothers sawmill.
19	1	2/14/46	Linthacum	Office memo. One of the Stratton Brothers came to the Supervisor's Office asking for a permit to add residences near the mill. He was promised a study will be made.
20	1	2/15/46	V.T. Linthacum, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers, sending draft special use permit authorizing construction and maintenance of the chopper's cabin and sanitation facilities. Asks them to sign and return

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				both copies.
21	2	8/20/46	Warren H. Stillings, for Forest Supervisor	Amendment to Special use permit, labeled, "Superseded by letter of Feb. 17, 1947.
22	2	8/20/46	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use 7/1/46 to 12/31/46. \$22.50.
23	2	8/28/46	Unknown	Inspection Record.
24	1	10/9/46	Warren H. Stillings	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for payment of fees.
25	2	12/1/46	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1947. \$30.00. Reflects amendments of 8/20/46 and 2/17/47.
26	1	2/17/47	Warren H. Stillings, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers, containing amendments to their Special Use Permit.
27	2	12/1/47	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1948. \$30.00.
28	2	12/1/48	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1949. \$30.00.
29	2	12/1/49	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1950. \$30.00.
30	2	11/30/50	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1951. \$30.00.
31	1	11/30/51	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1952. \$30.00.
32	2	11/28/52	Forest Service	Statement for Land Use, Calendar Year 1953. \$30.00.
33	1	11/16/53	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1954. \$30.00.
34	2	12/16/53	G.R. Wolstad, DFR	Letter to Forest Supervisor about the Stratton Brothers Special Use Permit.
35	1	4/22/54	Favre L. Eaton, Acting Forest Supervisor	Memo to Whitehall District Ranger. Addresses his 12/16/53 points.
36	1	9/21/54	John A. Fallman, Forest Supervisor	Memo to George Wolstad, Whitehall District Ranger. Directs ranger to ink in buildings not on the map yet.
37	3	10/19/54	John A. Fallman, Forest Supervisor	Memo to George Wolstad, Whitehall District Ranger. Instructions for correcting a special use application for a schoolhouse. Includes revised map.
38	2	'50 - '54	Forest Service	Inspection Record.
39	1	11/1/54	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1955. \$30.00.
40	1	11/4/54	G.P. Wetzsteon, for DFR	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking to sign a special use application for modification of their permit to include the school.
41	2	11/10/54	Stratton Brothers	Approved Special Use Application for sawmill site to allow room for the school.
42	2	11/15/54	Loona Magallon	Approved Special Use Application for public grade school.
43	2	11/23/54	Favre L. Eaton, for Forest Supervisor	Special Use Permit for log school building, Fish Creek School District #11.
44	1	12/1/55	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1956. \$30.00.
45	1	6/6/56	William H. Stratton	Letter to George Wolstad. Asks for permits to build snow fence and telephone line.
46	1	6/9/56	George Wolstad, District Ranger	Letter to William H. Stratton. Says the district will get to his application next month.
47	1	12/3/56	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1957. \$30.00.
48	1	12/3/57	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1958. \$30.00.
49	1	12/4/58	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1959. \$30.00.
50	2	7/59	George Wolstad	Inspection Record 1955 through 1959.
51	1	11/24/59	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. New instructions result in charges for two residences and a chicken house of \$55.00 per year. Special Use Permit Amendment #3.
52	1	11/24/59	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1960. \$55.00.
53	1	1/15/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen,	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for payment of \$55.00.

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			Forest Supervisor	
54	1	2/10/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for payment of \$55.00.
55	1	2/29/60	B.K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Chicken house has been torn down. Recommend issuing new bill for \$50.00.
56	1	3/9/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. New fee is \$50.00. Statement enclosed.
57	2	3/9/60	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1960. \$50.00.
58	1	3/31/60	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Mrs. Julia Stratton. Check for \$25.00 marked "Not Sufficient Funds". Please send another.
59	1	12/1/60	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1961. \$50.00.
60	1	1/23/61	Leo J. Revell, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for annual payment.
61	1	12/1/61	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1962. \$55.00.
62	1	1/24/62	Leo J. Revell, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers asking for annual payment.
63	1	8/1/62	Howard Stratton	Letter to "Bill". Saying he would like to move his fence a few hundred feet, then put in a cattle guard and gate.
64	1	8/6/62	B.K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Sets up time to meet about the proposed fence.
65	5	8/28/62	George W. Richardson	Statement Regarding Mining Claims. Land Office of the BLM.
66	1	8/29/62	Paul J. Pickenheim, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Fence tentatively approved. Asks Howard to make out Special Use application.
67	1	9/4/62	D.R. Pedersen, BLM Land Law Examiner	Letter to Regional Forester enclosing verified statement for Highland Mountain Area, George W. Richardson, Claimant.
68	1	9/5/62	Dale Johnson, BLM Chief, Minerals Adjudication Section	Letter to George W. Richardson about claims filed 8/30/62. Verified Statement Rejected in Part.
69	1	9/7/62	R.W. Manchester, Valuation Engineer	Memo to Gary G. Morrison assigning cases to him for examination.
70	1	9/20/62	Boyd. L. Rasmussen, Regional Forester	Letter to George W. Richardson. Verified statement Mr. Richardson filed has been referred to this office for action. We will need to examine your mining claims.
71	1	9/28/62	Gary G. Morrison	Cross reference to files. Meeting between Richardson and Morrison and Hintzman. 1-SR-134-3, Filed 1-SR-134-2.
72	1	10/30/62	Gary G. Morrison	Memo to files. Met Howard and John Stratton at their claims. Delayed examination of the claims until next spring.
73	1	10/31/62	R.W. Manchester	Memo to Forest Supervisor. On 10/25/62 Gary Morrison and Favre Eaton of the Forest Service met with George Richardson, attorney. Recommended Mr. Howard Stratton and Mr. Eaton meet with Mr. Richardson to sign stipulation, if claimants are willing. Withdrawal stipulation was enclosed.
74	1	Undated	Acting Regional Forester (unsigned)	Stipulation Withdrawing Verified Statement. Document has no date, but references verified statement filed with BLM on 8/30/62.
75	1	12/1/62	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1963. \$55.00.
76	1	3/12/63	Favre L. Eaton	Memo to Ranger Muldowney. Instructions on special use application from Howard Stratton for a drift fence and cattle guard.
77	1	3/13/63	John S. Uivary	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Returning Stratton Brothers

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				Special Use application with map.
78	2	3/13/63	Billy K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Approved Special use application for fence and cattle guard, to Howard Stratton.
79	1	3/15/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers, enclosing Special Use Permit.
80	4	3/15/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Special Use Permit to Stratton Brothers for drift fence and cattleguard.
81	1	4/2/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen	Cross reference to George Richardson, attorney. Advise that corners for claims will have to be established on the ground for examination purposes. 1-SR-134-3, Filed 1-SR-134-2.
82	1	5/21/63	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Cross reference to Regional Forester. Date claims would be ready to examine, corners established, etc. 1-SR-134-3, Filed 1-SR-134-2.
83	1	6/26/63	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Gary Morrison will examine 12 mining claims July 10, 1963.
84	1	12/1/63	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1964. \$55.00.
85	1	10/5/64	Margaret Leary, School District Clerk	Letter to Rolf Jorgensen saying the school building under Special Use permit to the district was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Howard Stratton.
86	1	10/13/64	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Ranger Muldowney suggesting he write to Howard Stratton and ask him what his plans are now for the school house, and that it should be authorized by a permit.
87	2	11/2/64	John S. Uivary, for District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor recommending the school house again be made part of the Stratton Brothers permit and that the permit for the schoolhouse be closed. Memo includes map of permit area.
88	1	Undated		A page from Montana Laws, governing location of quartz lode and placer mining claims. Information on mill sites is circled.
89	1	11/9/64	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers amending their Special Use permit to include the area formerly occupied by the schoolhouse.
90	1	11/9/64	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Amendment No. 4 to Stratton Brothers Special Use permit.
91	1	12/1/64	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1965. \$50.00.
92	32	2/12/65	R.W. Manchester and Gary G. Morrison, Valuation Engineers	Report on Mining Claim, transmitted to Forest Supervisor for review and concurrence. Memo, cover sheet, 24-page report, map of claims, claimants, photos, and assays. Marked "Administratively Confidential - Not for Public Inspection."
93	1	2/18/65	B.K. Muldowney, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. District reviewed the 2/12/65 report and concurs with the findings and recommendations.
94	1	2/24/65	Rolf B. Jorgensen, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Regional Forester. Ranger Muldowney and this office concur with recommendations of Mr. Morrison's report, and BLM hearings examiner determine the validity of their claims.
95	1	3/2/65	R.W. Manchester	Memo to Morris Hankins, Office of the General Counsel. If you agree that a hearing should be held, follow instructions in the memo.
96	1	4/20/65	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Cross reference. To Office of the General Counsel. Mining claims.
97	1	4/20/65	E.F. Barry, Asst.	Cross reference. To Office of the General Counsel. Two

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			Regional Forester	letters. 2810 1-SR-134-3, Filed 2810 1-SR-134-2.
98	1	4/22/65	Attorney in Charge, OGC	Cross reference. To Regional Forester. Mining claims. 2810 1-SR-134-3, Filed 2810 1-SR-134-2.
99	1	4/27/65	E.F. Barry, for Regional Forester	Letter to State Supervisor BLM. Request for a hearing to determine the validity of claims filed on 8/30/62 by George W. Richardson. Enclosed the individual case report and the mineral examiner's report.
100	2	Undated	Unknown	Photos of mining mill claims of Howard Stratton in Fish Creek. By their position in the file, they were possibly included in letter to BLM, 4/27/65.
101	4	4/27/65	E.F. Barry, for Regional Forester	Individual Case Report, Highland Mountain Area, 1-SR-134-3.
102	1	4/29/65	Asst. Regional Forester	Cross reference to Mr. George Richardson. Hearing requested, 2810 1-SR-134-3.
103	2	5/7/65	Kenneth J. Siro, Acting BLM Land Office Manager	Transmittal of Contest or Other Proceeding for Hearing. U.S. through Forest Service vs. George W. Richardson, et al. for surface rights.
104	1	5/18/65	George W. Richardson	Letter to E.F. Barry, asst. Regional Forester. Confirming appointment with Mr. Manchester. I have written Mr. Stratton concerning this also.
105	1	5/19/65	Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge	Letter to Dent B. Dalby, Chief Hearing Examiner. Remove the Jane quartz lode claim from Individual Case Report. Assume Gloria Alice placer, Only Chance lode and Last Chance lode not subject to hearing because they were rejected from the verified statement 9/5/92.
106	1	5/19/65	Regional Forester	Cross reference to L.I. Rowland, BLM. 2810 1-SR-134-2, hearings.
107	2	Undated	Unknown	Letter to Howard Stratton and George Richardson. Mineral examiner's report concerning the July 1965 re-examination has been completed. Recognize asserted rights on the Highland City placer, Moon Light lode, and Stratton mine lode. Stipulation forms enclosed.
108	1	6/4/65	R.W. Manchester, for Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to George Richardson, enclosing map of Jane and Bluebird lode claims.
109	1	7/12/65	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to George Richardson. Gary Morrison would like to meet with you July 21, 1965 to proceed with reexamination.
110	1	7/16/65	George Richardson	Letter to E.F. Barry, cannot meet July 21.
111	1	11/24/65	R.W. Manchester	Memo to files. Met with Howard Stratton 11/22/65. Howard would rather stipulate on claims we are not able to recognize, than go into a hearing. The Forest Service will notify him if they can recognize any additional claims on the basis of this past season's reexamination.
112	1	12/1/65	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1966. \$50.00

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113	14	2/23/66	R.W. Manchester	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Supplemental Report on Mining Claim for review and concurrence. Includes the 9-page report, an assay, and two copies of the claims map. "Administratively Confidential. Not For Public Inspection."
114	1	4/5/66	Raymond W. Karr Forest Supervisor	Memo to Ranger Muldowney. Sends a letter from the Regional Forester recognizing the asserted rights on the moonlight claim. Suggests ranger get together with Howard to discuss a fence.
115	2	4/4/66	George Richardson	Letter to Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge. Remove my name as claimant. Informed Mr. Stratton I did not wish to appear further in the matter.
116	1	4/6/66	Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge	Letter to Paul J. Dumm, Hearing Examiner. Sends a letter from George Richardson removing his name as claimant.
117	1	4/6/66	Geo. F. Weyermann, Acting Regional Forester	Stipulation withdrawing verified statement for Buttons Quartz Lode, Carla Jean Quartz Lode, Last Chance Quartz Lode, Gold Bar Placer, Little Bill Placer, and Spring Gulch Placer. Signed by Howard Stratton.
118	1	4/7/66	Morris Hankins, Atty. in Charge	Letter to Paul J. Dumm, Hearing Examiner. Sent Stipulation withdrawing verified statement. Now possible to vacate this hearing.
119	1	4/11/66	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Memo to Forest Supervisor. No hearing necessary. Talk to Mr. Stratton about a fence across the Moonlight lode.
120	1	4/12/66	E.F. Barry, Asst. Regional Forester	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Copy of completed Stipulation. This action does not jeopardize your mining rights or your rights to apply for patent at a later date.
121	1	4/15/66	Raymond W. Karr, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Ranger Muldowney. Enclosed documents about the Stratton claims.
122	1	12/1/66	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1967. \$50.00
123	1	12/1/67	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1968. \$50.00
124	1	12/1/68	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1969. \$50.00
125	2	7/28/69	D.M. Berg, Fire Prevention Guard	Fire Prevention Inspection - Industrial Operation.
126	2	'65 - '69	D.M.B.	Inspection Record.
127	1	12/1/69	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1970. \$50.00
128	1	12/1/70	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1971. \$50.00
129	2	'70 - '71	Neal and Fick	Inspection Record. Need to write a letter on cleaning.
130	2	'67 - '71	Fick	Inspection Record for School House. "Still need to transfer school permit to Stratton."
131	1	11/15/71	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1972. \$50.00
132	4	1/72	Unknown	Stratton Case Summary From 1939 to Present.
133	1	11/15/72	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1973. \$50.00
134	10	1973	R. Roginske	Photos of Stratton Brothers Permit

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135	2	7/10/73	John Kreis	Fire Inspection Report.
136	1	11/15/73	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1974. \$50.00
137	4	12/12/73	Unknown	Maps of proposed mining activity, Fish Creek property, Emma 2 claim.
138	2	12/20/73	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Your special use permit is outdated. We will prepare a new special use permit. The permit will schedule improvements. List what is necessary for operating the sawmill. The rock- crushing mill needs a separate permit under the mining laws.
139	5	3/7/74	Thomas Fick, Forester	Memo to files. Documents meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton. Discussed new Special Use Permit. Sketched a realistic and attainable site plan (attached). They should fill out a Special Use Application for the waterline.
140	1	6/19/74	Thomas Fick, Forester	Memo to files. Documents visit with Howard Stratton concerning status of his application for new improvements at the mill site.
141	1	6/24/74	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Answering questions Howard asked Tom Fick about the new load limit signs we put up on the Fish Creek bridge.
142	1	8/13/74	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files. Mrs. Howard Stratton came into the office interested in trading lands for the area under special use in Fish Creek. I told Mrs. Stratton that I thought the Fish Creek area should remain in public ownership. John visited the Strattons later in the week and told Howard he thought a land exchange would not be in the public's interest.
143	2	10/13/74	Al Darr, The Montana Standard	Article, "Two good men at odds on Fish Creek land use".
144	1	11/5/74	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1975. \$50.00
145	1	12/12/74	T.R. Fick, Forester	Memo to files. Documents December 12 visit with Howard and Mark Stratton concerning their plans for the sawmill etc. Got their commitment to have a complete application package to us around January 1, 1975.
146	1	12/13/74	Larry	Phone conversation with Ward. Norm told Howard he would call him to look at the road change around the Fish Cr. bridge, but Norm never called.
147	1	12/20/74	Ronald F. Roginske, Supervisory Forester	Note to files. Documents meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton at the Fish Creek bridge. Memo contains agreements they made about the bridge.
148	1	12/24/74	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton. Let us know when you plan to replace the stringers on the Fish Creek Bridge. We will allow you to cut the required trees under a free use permit.
149	1	6/9/75	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Form letter to Stratton Brothers, "Dear Permittee". Recreation residence use fees will be reviewed this summer. Adjustments will go into effect 1/1/97.
150	1	6/27/75	John S. Uivary	Collection Delinquent Notice to Howard Stratton for sawlogs.
151	1	7/1/75	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Stratton Brothers. Form letter announcing public meetings about recreation residence fee review and adjustment program.
152	1	7/8/75	John S. Uivary	Collection Delinquent Notice to Howard Stratton for sawlogs.
153	2	9/26/75	R.E. Haines, for	Letter to Stratton Brothers. It's time for on-the-ground

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			Forest Supervisor	appraisal of sample sites for recreation residence fee review.
154	1	11/13/75	T.F.	Map. Stratton S.U. Surveyed & Platted 11/15/75 11/14/75.
155	1	11/14/75	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1976. \$50.00
156	2	11/28/75	Norman Ward, Civil Engineer	Memo to District Ranger. Made electrical inspection of the Stratton Mill site 11/25/75. Memo itemizes comments. Recommends that new special use permit contains a clause that all wiring be brought into conformance with National Electric Code.
157	6	12/4/75	Harry Kringler, Sanitary Engineer	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Follow up to inspection of the previous week. Prioritizes work to bring electrical and sewer systems up to code. Enclosed certain paragraphs from codes and regulations.
158	2	12/9/75	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Plan to replace Stratton existing S.U. permit with permits for sawmill, power plant, and road use. Need land appraisals.
159	1	1976	Robert H. Stratton	Sketch for Stratton Mill.
160	1	1976	Robert H. Stratton	Sketch for Proposed Water Line Easement.
161	1	1976	Robert H. Stratton	Pipestone Pass Quadrangle map with water lines indicated.
162	6	1976	Unknown	6 copies of map of Howard Stratton Special Use permit area. (Platted 4/8/76. TF.)
163	1	Undated	Robert H. Stratton	Sketch for Stratton Mill.
164	2	2/4/76	Richard M. Roberts	Memo to the files. No appraisal necessary for power project. Calculations for \$58.50 annual fee are shown. The 11/13/75 survey map is included.
165	9	2/6/76	Richard M. Roberts	Appraisal Report for Stratton Brothers Sawmill, with map.
166	4	3/11/76	Fick & Boster	Stratton Bond Determination. Worksheets.
167	1	3/19/76	John Uivary	Memo to Dick Roberts. Sends him a copy of a letter received from Howard Stratton 3/19/76. John asked Howard if he knew of land similar to his special use area that had recently sold.
168	2	3/17/76	Howard Stratton	Sends a letter from Robert Corbett regarding land price per acre. The letter, dated 2/17/76, is the next page.
169	7	4/8/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Handwritten letter to Howard Stratton, very nearly identical to the typed version sent out 4/13/76. Followed by two pages of handwritten notes.
170	2	4/13/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing a copy of each of the proposed permits for his review while he decides whether to keep the site or not. A handwritten, signed version of Ranger Uivary's letter follows the typed copy.
171	3	4/13/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton including list of Improvement Schedule items, first presented at 4/8/76 meeting with him and Mark. Asks Howard to sign and return to the District Ranger.
172	3	5/10/76	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Howard Stratton. Documents 4/8/76 meeting to discuss proposed new permits, fees, and improvement schedule. If you choose not to contact us by June 15, ...we will ... terminate the permit.
173	1	5/25/76	Unknown, Jefferson Ranger District	Memo to Forest Supervisor requesting some special uses be closed because they have been incorporated into permittee's grazing permit. Stratton Brothers fence is underlined.
174	2	6/15/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files. Documents conversation with Howard and Mark Stratton. Talked about Special Use Permit. Mr.

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				Stratton is still waiting to hear about the mining mill site from the BLM. Handwritten note lists items discussed.
175	1	8/20/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Documents conversation of 8/19/76. Items discussed were application for a mill site, and keeping the sawmill on site.
176	1	11/6/76	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Calendar Year 1977. \$50.00
177	1	11/10/76	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Memo to District Ranger. Instructions
178	1	Undated	Marta	Handwritten note to Neil Howarth. D-2 requesting this permit be closed (doesn't specify what permit). Talks also of grazing permit in William Stratton's name.
179	1	11/29/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files. Visited Stratton's sawmill 11/23/76. Talked with Howard and Mark. Said billing for Special Use was in error since permit terminates 12/31/76.
180	1	12/2/76	Robert W. Damon, Forest Supervisor	Memo to files. Stratton special use permit has been revised and split into 3 permits with fees recalculated. To date Stratton has refused to sign the permits and he was mistakenly billed at the old rate. RO advice was to return the check with letter of explanation.
181	2	12/3/76	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Returns his \$50.00 check for 1977 special use, since his permit will terminate 12/31/76.
182	2	12/31/76	Robert H. Stratton	Letter to his father, Howard Stratton enclosing a letter to David Bowman for surveying.
183	1	12/31/76	Robert H. Stratton	Letter to David Bowman asking for a boundary survey of the mill site.

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184	1	1/5/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor recommending termination on Stratton Brothers Sawmill permit. Documents and photographs attached.
185	8	Undated	Unsigned	Proposed Special Use Permit for 1 acre, sawmill.
186	7	Undated	Unsigned	Proposed Special Use Permit for 4.3 acres residences and associated stuff.
187	2	1/19/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor including draft of a letter for his signature revoking special use permit.
188	1	Undated	Charlie Neal	Handwritten note to John Uivary saying Howard will have to apply for a F.P.C. license for the power plant. A note from John says to file in Strattons S.U.
189	1	1/21/77	V.R. Price Acting R-1 Director Recreation and Lands	Memo to Forest Supervisors including memo from Federal Power Commission with instructions to provide them information.
190	1	12/20/76	George R. Bell, Federal Power Commission	Memo referenced in 1/21/77 memo. FPC withdrew authority from Forest Service to issue special use permits for small hydroelectric developments on national forest lands. Asks for information to transfer supervision over these projects.
191	1	6/1/76	Thomas C. Nelson Washington Office	Memo to Regional Foresters with enclosed letter from FPC. Instructs Forest Service to advise operators that they must apply for a Federal Power Commission license.
192	3	5/13/76	Kenneth F. Plumb Federal Power Commission	Letter to Chief of the Forest Service withdrawing authority from Forest Service to issue special use permits for small hydroelectric developments on national forest lands.
193	4	2/1/77	Robert W. Damon Forest Supervisor	Memo to Regional Forester requesting a review of Stratton Brothers permit and advice. Attached original permit with amendments and correspondence relative to a new permit and cleanup of the site.
194	2	2/4/77	Robert W. Damon Forest Supervisor	Letter to Regional Engineer, Federal Power Commission. Sends information about the Stratton Brothers hydroelectric development on national forest land.
195	3	3/24/77	Wm. A. Worf R-1 Director Recreation and Lands	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Encloses reworked revocation letter to Mr. Stratton. Instructs forest to collect payment for 1977.
196	2	4/19/77	Forest Service	Bill for Collection, Recreation Residence Calendar Year 1977. \$50.00
197	3	5/4/77	V.R. Price R-1 Lands Group	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Refers to draft letter enclosed with 3/24/77 memo.
198	3	4/10/77	Unknown	Discussion between author and Bob Newman about Stratton millsite. Says next action to schedule validity determination on his millsite.
199	3	5/20/77	Karl Mecklenburg,	Certified letter to Stratton Brothers. Asks Mr. Stratton to

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			Forest Supervisor	show cause why his 1939 permit should not be revoked. Has handwritten note by John Uivary saying he called Strattons and told Mrs. Stratton to have Howard pick up the letter.
200	2	5/27/77	Kenneth F. Plumb, Federal Power Commission	Letter to Howard Stratton asking him to apply for a license for his hydroelectric installation within 60 days.
201	1	6/15/77	Nadine D. Scott Deputy County Atty.	Letter to Forest Supervisor relating questions Mr. Stratton asked her about his permit.
202	1	6/27/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to files documenting 6/24/77 meeting with Nadine Scott, and Mark and Howard Stratton. Discussed complying with their permit and submitting an improvement schedule.
203	1	7/8/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Howard Stratton did not submit an improvement schedule by the June 30 deadline. Recommends terminating the permit.
204	1	8/3/77	Howard Stratton	Letter to Mr. Plumb, FPC. Requests 90-day extension for submitting his application.
205	1	8/9/77	Karl Mecklenburg, Forest Supervisor	Memo to Regional Forester asking for review and revoking of Stratton Brothers permit. Encloses selected recent correspondence: 7/8/77 from Uivary to For. Sup.; 6/27/77 from Uivary to file; 6/15/77 from Scott to For. Sup.; and 5/4/77 from Price to For. Sup.
206	1	10/6/77	Norman Day, Zone Geologist	Memo to John Uivary about 10/6/77 inspection of Stratton's sawmill site.
207	1	10/17/77	Kenneth F. Plumb, Federal Power Commission	Letter to Mr. Stratton granting his extension. Urges him to work closely with the Forest Service in preparing his application.
208	4	10/17/77	V.R. Price R-1 Lands Group	Letter to Attorney in Charge, OGC. Sends case folder for Mr. Stratton and asks for review of the case, planned course of action, and proposed revocation letter.
209	2	1/16/78	R.W. Parker	Handwritten response to 10/17/77 letter to OGC. Says proposed revocation letter is good, must be sure file is organized.
210	1	10/18/77	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Certified letter to Howard Stratton asking him to submit an operating plan for the millsites and any unpatented claims within 30 days.
211	4	11/8/77	Unknown	Summaries of documents about Stratton Brothers Special Use Permit from 2/1/77 through 11/8/77.
212	1	11/30/77	L.E. Alden, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Bernard Murphy, regional engineer saying his sawmill special use permit should be revoked 12/31/77. Asks Murphy for copy of correspondence with Mr. Stratton about hydroelectric permit.
213	19	1978	Linda Marsh	Photographs of Stratton Mill Site
214	4	2/9/78	Tom Coston, for Regional Forester	Letter to Howard Stratton revoking his special use permit for cause, effective this date.
215	1	2/9/78	V.R. Price, R-1 Lands Group	Memo to Forest Supervisor enclosing copy of revocation letter. Asks forest to assemble a case report.
216	1	2/19/78	Al Darr, Montana Standard	Article titled, "Stratton gets notice to vacate Fish Creek".
217	2	3/8/78	Howard Stratton	Letter to Regional Forester telling him he'd been deliberately mislead, and countering points raised in revocation letter. Requests a meeting.
218	1	3/22/78	Tom Coston, Deputy	Letter to Howard Stratton offering to meet.

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			Regional Forester	
219	2	3/27/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Response to Tom Coston setting meeting date and time.
220	1	3/30/78	Roselyn M. Gyles, Secretary	Letter to Howard and Mark Stratton confirming meeting date and time.
221	1	4/18/78	Unsigned	Handwritten note titled "Stratton (call from Coston)". Howard said his letter was an appeal. Howard doesn't want a Special Use Permit, he wants a mill site.
222	1	5/4/78	V.R. Price, for R-1 Director of Lands	Memo to Forest Supervisor. Bring Mr. Stratton's activities promptly within provisions of 36 CFR 252. He needs an operating plan and you need to proceed with a mineral examination of his claims as soon as possible.
223	5	5/4/78	Karl Mecklenburg, Forest Supervisor	Memo to District Ranger enclosing rough draft of Case Report for revocation of Stratton Brothers Sawmill Special Use Permit. Asks for more information.
224	2	5/8/78	Tom Coston, for Regional Forester	Letter to Mr. Howard Stratton. Follow-up to April 7 meeting. Mr. Stratton needs to file an operating plan or notice of intent with the District Ranger. Continued occupancy will be based on validity of mining and millsite claims.
225	1	5/12/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor providing information requested in 5/4/78 memo.
226	1	5/12/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Thomas Fick asking him to write a statement about his work with Strattons.
227	2	5/19/78	Ronald F. Roginske Land Mgt. Planner	Memo to District Ranger about Ron's work with the Strattons and their Special Use Permit.
228	1	6/2/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting call from Norm Day. Stratton has filed 4 mill sites tied to lode claims and filed in 1973. Will meet with Howard about 6/15/78.
229	4	7/26/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining Operations for Moonlight, Carla Jane, Emma 1,2,3, and Last Chance. Signed as received by John S. Uivary.
230	9	7/26/78	Howard Stratton	Operating Plan for Little Chap, Highland Jackpot, Gold Bar, Mammoth, and "also other claims staked, recorded."
231	4	7/27/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger about field review of five mining claims, including the Howard Stratton Millsite. Refers to 8/25/78 letter for information about this claim.
232	1	7/31/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copy of Notice of Intent for Moonlight, Carla Jane, and Emma 1,2,3 claims. Last Chance not approved because it is tied to mill site and needs Operating Plan.
233	1	8/8/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for more information about the Little Chap Mines Operating Plan. District needs to write EAR.
234	8	8/16/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Plan of Operation for mining operations on Emma, Moonlight, and Last Chance mining claims.
235	9	8/16/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Plan of Operations for milling operations on Moonlight, Last Chance and Stratton Mine Millsites.
236	4	8/25/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Letter to District Ranger about a meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton held 7/26/78 at the Stratton's sawmill site. Gave Strattons 30 days to file operating plan for millsite claims. Discussed mining laws.

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237	1	8/29/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files about talk with Howard 7/18/78. Talked about operating plan on Little Chap, and about cat work on the road.
238	1	9/1/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton confirming conversation of 8/28/78. Needs no operating plan for Emma, Moonlight and Last Chance claims. Need more information in operating plan for mill site.
239	2	9/5/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Letter to District Ranger documenting meeting with Howard and Mark Stratton 8/28/78 on their millsite claims. Need operating plan for Emma claim group. Need more information on millsite operating plan.
240	2	9/8/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton telling him what information the district needs by 9/15/78. Follow-up to 8/28/78 meeting.
241	2	9/11/78	Mark Stratton	Letter to John Uivary enclosing 3 notices of intent and an operating plan.
242	10	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Operating Plan for road across Little Chap mining claim.
243	4	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining for Last Chance claim.
244	4	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining for Emma claim.
245	3	9/10/78	Howard Stratton	Notice of Intent to Conduct Mining for Moonlight claim.
246	1	9/12/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit by Mark Stratton. Mark said he hadn't yet received survey plat of old sawmill site. Norm told Mark to ask district for extension.
247	1	9/14/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files. Mark Stratton called from Norm Day's office to request an extension on getting maps to district.
248	1	9/15/78	Norm Day	Handwritten note to "Bill". Explains what he has told Howard he needed for the Emma Lode.
249	1	9/21/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying Mark Stratton dropped off a map of the mill site, a map and building locations, letters about why the buildings are needed and a flow chart on how the mill will work.
250	5	9/19/78	Mark Stratton	Documents dropped off with Larry Boster (referenced in his 9/21/78 memo to files). Letters about why the buildings are needed and a flow chart on how the mill will work.
251	1	9/22/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copies of Notices of Intent for Moonlight, Last Chance, and Emma claims.
252	1	10/12/78	Larry Boster, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying district will need 60 more days to complete EAR on operating plan for the mill site.
253	3	10/12/78	Norm Day	Handwritten notes to "John" (John Uivary, District Ranger). Advice on mill site operating plan conditions and bond.
254	2	10/17/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for more information about the mill site operating plan, and setting a meeting at the mill site.
255	1	10/18/78	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Stratton. No one was there.
256	1	10/27/78	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Note to Norm Day, Norm Ward, Tom Schmidt, and Dave Ruppert asking them to attend meeting 11/7/78 at mill site.
257	2	11/6/78	Howard and Mark Stratton	Reclamation Plan for the Stratton Millsites.
258	1	11/13/78	Stratton Mills	Settling Pond (amendment millsite).
259	1	11/14/78	John S. Uivary,	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for information to

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			District Ranger	complete EAR on mill site.
260	1	11/27/78	Norman Day, Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger including list of questions they needed to have answered before they could complete their reports for the EAR.
261	6	10/30/78	Glenn P. Haney, Associate Deputy Chief	Copy of manual pages (FSM 6506) dealing with surety bonds. Handwritten notes in margins are specific to Stratton site.

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262	1	2/22/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for EAR information.
263	2	1/23/79 rec'd 3/2	Howard Stratton	Letter to Jefferson District Ranger enclosing information on the mill site. Included drawings.
264	1	3/22/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for more information beyond what was in the letter received 3/2/79.
265	1	3/22/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying specialists need more information from Howard Stratton for the EAR.
266	1	5/31/79	Ronald G. Schott, Acting District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for information needed, as written in 3/22/79 letter.
267	2	6/4/79	Mark Stratton	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District enclosing needed information and map.
268	2	6/20/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying the forest is planning a mineral exam on his mill site claims. Asks him to be present at beginning of exam, scheduled for July 3, 5, and 6.
269	22	7/3/79 7/5/79 7/6/79	Norm Day, Kathy Wilkerson, Larry Boster	Field notes for Stratton Millsite Validity Exam.
270	1	7/5/79 7/6/79	Norm Day & Kathy Wilkerson	Plane Table and Alidade map of Stratton Millsite Area.
271	1	7/11/79	Thomas A. Schmidt Forest Hydrologist	Memo to District Ranger conveying general water quality concerns and possible solutions at the Stratton millsite.
272	1	7/11/79	David A. Ruppert Soil Scientist	Memo to District Ranger giving soil types in the vicinity of the Stratton millsite claim and possible impacts from the proposed milling.
273	2	7/23/79	Howard Stratton	Letter to John Uivary saying they plan to start immediately to remove and haul ore from the Emma claim.
274	2	8/10/79	Norm Day	Memo to John Uivary enclosing a map of Howard Stratton's millsite claims. Documents what was done to date on Stratton's validity exam.
275	1	8/30/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Memo to Norm Day enclosing approved EAR for Stratton millsite and asking for additional information.
276	12	8/20/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Stratton Environmental Analysis Report, approved by Frank Salomonsen, Forest Supervisor.
277	1	8/13/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor enclosing EAR for Stratton's Mill Site.
278	3	8/20/79	Frank E. Salomonsen Forest Supervisor	Memo to District Ranger approving Stratton Mill Site EAR with corrections and added information.
279	2	9/7/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton approving millsite Plan of Operations. Two copies, one with signature of Uivary.
280	1	9/10/79	Norman Day Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger including plans for completion of Stratton mineral exam.
281	5	9/11/79	John S. Uivary	Letter to Howard and Mark Stratton following up

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			District Ranger	agreements made on bonding and completion of mill site cleanup. \$8,000 bond, reduced to \$5,000 after cleanup. Includes list of items to be removed. Asks Howard to sign if he agrees.
282	1	10/22/79	Howard Stratton	Last page of 9/11/79 letter bearing the signature of Howard Stratton. Howard Stratton added amendments.
283	2	9/11/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton informing him a mineral exam will be done on claims tied to mill operation. Asks him to have corners monumented and ore body opened for sampling, for Emma and Moonlight.
284	1	9/17/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying wiring at mill site must meet State and Federal electrical codes.
285	1	9/20/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor closing Special Use folder for Stratton Brothers Saw Mill.
286	2	10/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton scheduling mineral exam on his lode claims to begin 10/18/79.
287	2	10/15/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying Larry and Ron Schott handed Howard Stratton the 9/17/79 letter about needing an electrical inspection by the State of Montana. Also talked about bond for mill operation. Noted little cleanup has been done. Sent 100 tons ore for smelting.
288	2	10/17/79	Norman Day Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger documenting two phone conversations with Mark Stratton about the mineral exam on Stratton's lode claims. Exam now set to begin 10/18/79.
289	1	10/30/79	John S. Uivary District Ranger	Letter to Eddie Thomas Insurance enclosing form used for bonding and agreement with Howard Stratton for bond coverage.
290	1	10/29/79	"K"	Memorandum of Call to "N". Mark Stratton would file amended millsite claims today, then redo corners. Will call when done.
291	1	10/29/79	Howard and Mark Stratton	Amended Declaratory Statement for Moonlight, Emma, Stratton Mine, and Last Chance millsites. Changed the names to Emma 1,2,3,&4.
292	1	10/31/79	"ND"	Mark Stratton called, Emma #2 corners still not changed.
293	1	10/31/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files about phone call with Howard Stratton 10/30/79. Larry would be at mill site 11/1/79 to talk about bond and inspect cleanup.
294	1	10/31/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting phone call from Eddie Thomas insurance asking for information on Stratton's bond for his mill site.
295	4	11/2/79	Norman Day Mining Geologist	Memo to District Ranger. Summary of events for the mineral exam on Howard Stratton's millsite and lode claims, from July 3 through October 31, 1979. Recommends completion next summer when Strattons have corners monumented and workings open for sampling.
296	4	11/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton returning Notice of Intent for Emma claim unapproved. Calls for Plan of Operations.
297	1	11/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton thanking him for cleanup done so far.
298	4	11/2/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copy of Notice of Intent for Moonlight and Carla Jane claims.
299	1	11/5/79	Larry Boster	Memo to files documenting 11/1/79 inspection at Stratton's

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			Engineering Tech.	mill site.
300	4	11/5/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing approved copy of Notice of Intent for Gold Bar claim.
301	1	11/5/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files saying Emma claim needs an Operating Plan.
302	2	11/13/79	Mark Stratton	Letter to John (Uivary). Note about conditions of bonding and mill site cleanup, as listed in 9/11/79 letter.
303	1	11/15/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting Stratton cleanup inspection of 11/13/79. Cleanup proceeds.
304	1	11/15/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting talk with Howard and Mark Stratton 11/13/79. Talked about \$8,000 bond and what happens if he and inspector disagree about what's mine related during cleanup.
305	2	11/15/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton not agreeing to extend 9/30/80 cleanup deadline. Will do preliminary inspection 8/30/80.
306	1	11/29/79	"KW"	Handwritten notes saying Mark Stratton dropped off 2 smelter returns and amended millsite location notice. Talked about time spent working Emma claim.
307	2	8/17/72	Anaconda Company	Emma No 2 ore payment after smelting.
308	1	10/12/79	Smelter	Payment of \$10,801.81 for ore shipment.
309	1	11/30/79	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Memo to Forest Supervisor agreeing with Norm Day's recommendation to complete mineral exam on Stratton's millsite until next summer.
310	1	12/3/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 11/29/79 phone call to Howard Stratton asking how the bond was coming.
311	1	12/3/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 11/30/79 inspection of Stratton cleanup. Reminded Howard that \$8,000 bond must be received by 12/15/79. It would not be reduced for cleanup already done.
312	1	12/3/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to Howard and Mark Stratton sending items requested for bonding company.
313	1	12/5/79	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting phone call to Eddie Thomas Insurance Company asking what they needed for Stratton's bond.
314	2	12/12/79	Mark Stratton	Letter to John Uivary saying they are waiting for bonding company decision. Won't make 12/15/79 deadline.
315	3	Unknown	Unknown	Handwritten document, Howard Stratton Quartz Mill Operating Plan.
316	1	1/4/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 1/2/80 phone call with Howard and Mark Stratton about the needed bond on their milling operation.
317	2	1/9/80	Mark Stratton	Letter to John Uivary saying they cannot get the \$8,000 bond. Offers to come up with \$3,000 as soon as possible, then come up with \$2,000 more by 9/30/80.
318	1	1/24/80	John S. Uivary, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton saying he recommends the Forest Supervisor accept \$3,000 now and \$2,000 later.
319	2	2/25/80	John R. Linch, Acting District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton granting approval for \$3,000 bond now with \$2,000 later. Bill for collection and copy of 9/11/79 letter enclosed.
320	1	3/3/80	Robert Semmens, Miners Bank of MT	Letter to the Forest Supervisor's office. Bank established Irrevocable Letter of Credit in FS favor for Howard Stratton for \$3,000, valid through 9/30/80.

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321	2	3/3/80	Stratton and Semmens	Performance Bond for \$3,000.
322	1	3/4/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Metals Bank with Mark and Howard Stratton to secure \$3,000 bond.
323	1	3/8/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Stratton mill operation. No further cleanup done. Reminded Howard to get his operating plan for the Emma claim in.
324	12	5/23/80	Mark Stratton	Plan of Operation for Emma 2.
325	1	5/27/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 5/23/80 visit to Stratton Milling operation. Mill in full operation. No further cleanup done.
326	1	6/12/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 6/10/80 visit to Stratton mill. Norm Day will hold off on further mineral exam work as last year's ore return was quite good. Norm just needs to complete his mapping.
327	1	6/20/80	Larry Boster, for Forestry Tech.	Memo to files documenting visit to Stratton mill site 6/17/80. No further cleanup. Took pictures.
328	1	7/2/80	Wayne R. Sorensen	Stratton Mill Assay.
329	5	7/15/80	Larry Boster	Photographs of Stratton mill site.
330	1	7/16/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting talk with Mark Stratton about bonding on the Emma 2 claim. Mark asked if he could cut timber for an ore bin.
331	1	7/23/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting marking of 4 MBF free use timber for ore bin on Emma 2.
332	1	8/11/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 8/6/80 talk with Howard about his bond for Emma 2. Howard will have his bond as soon as the county pays him for some lumber. Says he should make cleanup deadline.
333	1	9/9/80	Roger Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton documenting inspection of millsite 9/4/80. Revealed there is still a lot more work to be done. Expect a review 9/25/80 starting at 10:00.
334	9	8/15/80	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Approved EAR for Emma Lode.
335	1	9/24/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting talk with Howard Stratton about cleanup. Could have trouble meeting deadline.
336	7	9/30/80	Unknown	Photographs of mill site.
337	1	10/8/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting 10/7/80 inspection of Stratton's cleanup. 90% of total job is done.
338	1	11/13/80	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton awaiting payment of \$600 bond on Emma claim.
339	1	11/13/80	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to files documenting meeting with Howard Stratton about bonding for additional \$2,000 for milling operation. Said he will take care of it at the bank 11/13/80.
340	1	11/18/80	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton allowing him to keep his sawmill on the mine millsite for two years. Will review agreement 11/1/82.
341	1	11/21/80	Ronald Collins, First Bank Butte	Letter to Larry Boster verifying bank has open savings account for Strattons with \$2009.20.
342	1	11/25/80	Ronald Collins, First Bank Butte	Memo to Larry Boster saying Stratton's savings account must have Forest Service and Stratton signature to withdraw funds.
343	1	5/5/81	Robert Semmens, Miners Bank of MT	Letter to Supervisor's office establishing Irrevocable Letter of Credit in FS favor through 9/30/81.

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344	1	6/10/81	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton saying his mill site bond has never been assigned to the Forest Service properly. They'll have to go to the bank together to fix it.
345	1	6/24/81	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting 6/23/81 inspection of Stratton mill. Will meet 6/29/81 at the bank. Howard is having trouble getting \$600 bond for Emma.
346	2	7/7/81	Howard Stratton	Copy of letter to Senator Max Baucus questioning bonding by the Forest Service.
347	2	7/28/81	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Forest Supervisor asking for findings and views on Howard Stratton's letter to Baucus.
348	4	8/18/81	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Kenneth Wilson approving his Notice of Intent for mining in Fish Creek.
349	1	10/13/81	Larry Boster Engineering Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting check of Stratton's operation 10/1/81. A little more cleanup evident. No sign of work in the mill.
350	1	2/12/82	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Form letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Notice of Intent for him to fill out for mines on forest lands.
351	1	7/7/82	Robert W. Toivonen, Forestry Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit to Stratton millsite 6/24/82. Recommends reducing bond from \$5,000 to \$3,000 after cleanup complete.
352	1	7/26/82	Robert W. Toivonen, Forestry Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit with Howard Stratton and Ray TeSoro 7/16/82. Howard has been working to patent the mill site and numerous mine sites.
353	1	8/24/82	Robert W. Toivonen, Forestry Tech.	Memo to District Ranger documenting visit 8/19/82 to Stratton mill. Howard is still working on patenting mill site and mine sites.
354	1	10/1/82	Unknown	Note to Larry/Bea. SO tentatively approved refunding interest on \$5,000 bond to Strattons.
355	1	10/12/82	Jim Shelden, Minerals Staff Officer	Memo to District ranger. Howard and Mark Stratton visited Jim to request withdrawal of accrued interest from \$2,000 held in account at First Bank of Butte. Mark's name was added to the account. Forest Supervisor signed withdrawal slip for interest 10/1/82.
356	1	10/15/82	Larry Boster, Engineering Tech.	Memo to District Ranger about visit with Stratton 10/12/82. Howard is placer mining on his private ground.
357	3	11/22/82	Ernest L. Kemmis, BLM	Letter to Mr. David Albert of Alpha Engineers Montana, Inc., in Butte MT. BLM does not believe any portion of Millsite #2 is patentable. Millsite #1 may be too large. Forest Service mineral examiner will have to decide.
358	1	7/12/83	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton thanking him for field trip.
359	2	7/26/84	Bea	Notes of telephone call with Olive Smith.
360	1	5/30/84	Donald Wilson	Small Miner Exclusion Statement.
361	2	6/15/84	Roger Siemens	Letter to Don Wilson about Plan of Operation.
362	13	7/9/84	Roger Siemens	Letter to Ken Wilson. Sign enclosed Plan of Operation. John Stratton is listed as owner of mining claim (Spring Gulch Placer). Don Wilson listed as operator.
363	1	7/27/84	Forest Service	Bill for Collection to Smith Construction for reclamation on Spring Gulch 1 and 2. \$1,000 bond.
364	1	7/27/84	Olive Smith	Photocopy of \$1,000 check for performance bond.
365	2	7/30/84	Larry	Note to Roger. We have the \$1,000 bond for Smith and Wilson project in Fish Creek. Sign approval.

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366	1	7/30/84	Administrative Officer	Public Voucher for Refunds, \$1,000 due Smith construction.
367	1	8/3/84	Ray TeSoro Geologist	Memo to District Ranger documenting 8/2/84 inspection of Stratton/Wilson Spring Gulch project.
368	1	8/15/84	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to MT Dept. of State Lands enclosing Decision Notice and FONSI for Spring Gulch placer.
369	6	8/31/84	Roger M. Siemens, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton with approved Notice of Intent, for replacing culvert and burying pipeline under access road.
370	1	10/3/84	BK and Larry	Note about Olive Smith's savings certificate and how FS needs a letter of credit instead. Once she has letter, refund her \$1,000.

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371	5	9/18/85	Director, BLM	Instruction Memorandum to all field officials about determining if occupancy of mining claims or mill sites is reasonably incident to mining and milling operations.
372	1	4/6/87	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest. Replaces old Notice of Intent.
373	1	3/29/88	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest.
374	1	2/14/89	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest.
375	1	9/6/89	Patricia Barringer	Daily diary. Met with Mark and Howard Stratton at the millsite. House looks good. Equipment yard needs tidying up. Strattons need help with culvert on Trainer Gulch.
376	4	9/6/89	Unsigned.	Photographs of Stratton millsite.
377	1	Unknown	Unknown	Map of Stratton mining claims.
378	1	2/14/90	Frank Russel, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing Plan of Operation to fill out for any mining on national forest.
379	1	9/20/90	Patricia Barringer	Daily diary. Pat and Fran Lucon visited Stratton millsite to scale 7 trees for removal and use in the mill. Area needs cleanup.
380	2	9/20/90	Jo Ellis	Personal Use Firewood Permit for Howard Stratton, 8 trees marked and scaled.
381	2	9/20/90	Unsigned	Photographs of millsite.
382	2	10/2/90	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Forest Products Sale Permit for free use sawlogs, issued to Howard Stratton.
383	1	10/12/90	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing free use permit for the 8 trees marked near his house.
384	1	10/23/90	Unknown	Handwritten note to "Pat" documenting phone call from Mrs. Stratton. Gives phone numbers to contact Howard and asks to use Mark as much as possible.
385	2	3/5/91	John Joy, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton asking for updated Plan of Operations. First Bank Butte needs updated signature cards.
386	1	3/27/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to First Bank of Butte authorizing Donna Schimanski to sign for Grant in regard to the Stratton millsite savings bond.
387	3	3/29/91	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton enclosing check for \$117.67 from First Bank Butte, interest on bond account. New Certificate of Deposit issued for \$3,000.
388	1	4/10/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Mark Stratton asking for their signatures on Assignment Agreement for \$3,000 Certificate of Deposit.
389	4	5/16/91	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton documenting land exchange proposal discussed 5/10/91. Discourages land exchange and

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				offers new Special Use Permit with indefinite tenure. Sample enclosed. Asks for review.
390	1	6/14/91	Bobbi Weikel, Forest Fiscal Officer	Letter to First Bank Butte enclosing Assignment Agreement for Howard or Mark Stratton, asking them to complete it.
391	4	6/18/91	Forest Service	Assignment Agreement 09-91-01 for Howard or Mark Stratton for \$3,000. Signed by Mark Stratton, a bank account officer, and approved by two Forest Service officers.
392	6	9/5/91	Mark Stratton	Special use application and report for millsite, equipment, and buildings
393	1	11/15/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Handwritten notes documenting phone calls with Washington Office and Ron Marlenee's office. Also two calls with Mrs. Stratton.
394	2	11/19/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton saying special use permit seems to be only legal way to proceed at this time. Dampens hope for land exchange.
395	1	11/19/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Handwritten notes documenting phone call with Kathy Meadors (Marlenee's office) about 11/15/91 discussion with Mrs. Stratton. Will send copy of 11/19/91 letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton to Kathy. She concurred with process.
396	2	11/26/91	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they'll pursue land exchange.
397	6	12/3/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton stressing they need special use permit. Encloses special use permit as proposed by Forest Service, and land exchange direction.
398	1	12/12/91	Ron Marlenee Congressman	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking for update on Strattons.
399	1	12/13/91	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Handwritten notes documenting phone calls with Mark Stratton (left message) and Kathy Meadors (Marlenee's office). Told Kathy what he sent to Strattons, and is waiting for them to respond.
400	2	12/14/91	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they'll sign special use permit, but want written agreement FS will trade this property when they get a patented claim to meet regulations.
401	1	12/20/91	Donna Schimanski, for District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton offering to meet 1/2/92 to discuss proposed permit.
402	1	12/26/91	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking for more information about land exchanges before they meet.
403	4	1992	Unknown	Photographs of Howard Stratton, Fish Creek.
404	1	1/3/92	Jo Ellis, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton acknowledging meeting with him 1/3/92 and enclosing 36 CFR 217 appeal regulation asked for.
405	2	1/2/92	Frank Klement and Ron	Notes to be used in reply to Marlenee's 12/12/91 letter.
406	2	1/7/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Ron Marlenee answering his 12/12/91 letter, summarizing Stratton's occupancy and saying special use permit is solution.
407	1	1/25/92	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Ron Marlenee correcting Mr. Godbolt's 1/7/92 letter and saying they had made formal requests for land exchange.
408	1	1/30/92	Ron Marlenee Congressman	Letter to Grant Godbolt enclosing Stratton's 1/25/92 letter and asking for response to Stratton's comments.
409	1	Undated	Grant	Note on envelope of 1/30/92 Marlenee letter saying he discussed on phone with Kathy Meadors. She sent Ron M.

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				the 2/7 letter, so don't need to respond to 1/30 letter.
410	1	2/7/92	Ron Marlenee Congressman	Letter to Howard Stratton saying the best they can hope for is to get the special use permit for both of you to remain on the property for the duration of your life.
411	2	3/4/92	Ron Hanson, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to his letter of 12/23/91. Summarizing Stratton occupancy and offering special use permit for the rest of their lives.
412	2	3/4/92	Ron Hanson, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Burns responding to his letter of 1/3/91. Summarizing Stratton occupancy and offering special use permit for the rest of their lives.
413	1	3/10/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton offering to meet about special use permit or settlement agreement.
414	2	4/17/92	Ronald Roginske, for District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton referring to 3/10/92 letter and asking again to meet.
415	1	4/30/92	Mr. and Mrs. Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they were out of town for 6 weeks and setting a meeting time.
416	1	7/22/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stratton summarizing meeting 6/12/92. Includes points agreed on.
417	7	7/24/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton about their meeting 7/22/92. Enclosed draft settlement agreement and asked for their review. Proposed clean up list.
418	1	8/12/92	Ron Hanson, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Ron Marlenee enclosing draft settlement agreement and quitclaim deed (same as enclosed with 7/24/92 letter to Strattons).
419	2	9/2/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton asking to meet.
420	1	9/2/92	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Van Elsbernd enclosing a letter from a constituent and asking for views and findings on contents.
421	2	7/26/92	Steve Hicks	Letter to Senator Baucus saying Forest Service officials harassed the Strattons.
422	3	9/8/92	Howard and Vady Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying they don't expect to be very busy after Sept. 15.
423	2	9/24/92	Van C. Elsbernd, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to 7/26/92 letter to him from Steve Hicks. Summarizes Stratton's occupancy and says he has cautioned the ranger to be sensitive to the perception of harassment.
424	1	10/10	Unknown	Handwritten notes documenting meeting with Mark Stratton.
425	1	10/20/92	Frank Russell, for District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton acknowledging their letter and asking to meet 12/10.
426	1	12/12/92	Howard Stratton	Letter to BLM, Billings summarizing filing on millsites since 1979 and saying 1992 filing was an amendment.
427	1	12/18/92	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton thanking them for meeting and enclosing draft settlement agreement and quitclaim for review. April 1 deadline for signing final versions. The draft documents enclosed are the same as those sent with the 7/24/92 letter to Howard and Vady.
428	20	12/18/92	Jacqueline Samsal, BLM State Office	Letter to Howard Stratton acknowledging his letter of 12/12 saying 12/4/92 declaratory statements were meant to be amendments of previously filed mill sites. Since case was closed on the 4 mill sites in 1989, they were taken as relocation filings. Mill site locations rejected subject to

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				compliance with deficiencies. Enclosed 3/14/89 notice; 5/8/89 decision; 1992 annual filing receipt; 12/18/92 decision; and IBLA decision, 110 IBLA 144 (1989).
429	4	2/1/93	Bettie Schaff, BLM Land Law Examiner	Mining Claim Recordation Receipt for Howard and Mark Stratton, enclosing 1 recordation information sheet.
430	1	3/2/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard and Vady Stratton reminding them of agreement to sign documents before April 1. Asks them to contact him.
431	1	3/13/93	Howard and Vady Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying their sons and friends will go along with whatever they want to do.
432	10	7/30/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Howard Stratton approving his Plan of Operations. Encloses approved plan for exploration of 2 millsites and 8 claims.
433	1	8/5/93	Howard Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt about approving their notice of intent.
434	10	8/9/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to David Stratton approving his Plan of Operations. Encloses approved plan for exploration of 9 claims.
435	10	8/12/93	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton approving his Plan of Operations. Encloses approved plan for exploration of 8 claims and 2 mill sites.
436	1	5/20/94	Unknown	Photographs of muddy road and log decks.
437	1	5/29/94	Montana Standard	Obituary for Howard Wheeler Stratton, 74. Date of death 5/27/94.
438	3	4/14/95	Grant Godbolt District Ranger	Form letter to "Claimant" asking for annual mining Plan of Operations. Mailing list includes Mark Stratton.
439	6	8/28/96	BLM	Claimant Index for Stratton Vernon, Stratton William H., Stratton Mark, Stratton Mill, Stratton Vadis V., Stratton David A., Stratton Frank, Stratton Howard, Stratton John W., Stratton Louis, Stratton Mark. Geographic Index with several Stratton claims highlighted.
440	2	10/29/96	Gary Howard	Briefing Statement, Stratton Case
441	1	10/30/96	Gary Howard	Note to R. TeSoro and D. Avery about Stratton mill sites and mining claims.
442	1	11/22/96	Dave Stratton	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District informing them of Highland Gold Properties Inc.'s new address and new board.
443	3	12/13/96	Dan Avery	Confidential/FOIA Exempt notes of Stratton occupancy meeting. Attorney-Client Privileged.

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444	7	1/30/97	Juanita Miller	Results of search for Forest permits in the name of Howard Stratton.
445	1	2/3/97	Ray TeSoro	Lands and Minerals in the RO has no files for Stratton Mill site and related structures.
446	2	4/15/97	Sandy Kieckbusch, for District Ranger	Letter to Vady Stratton asking to meet.
447	1	5/3/97	Vady Stratton	Letter to Grant saying she didn't pick up his letter but knows about the meeting and will make an appointment.
448	3	5/30/97	Dan and Pat	Notes on Meeting with Strattons, 5/23/97. Must clarify exact purpose of \$3,000 bond. Strattons would like to exchange 16-acre parcel (Highland Flume patented placer claim) for mill site. Have made no gains in the case since 1989.
449	2	6/3/97	Grant Godbolt	Two fax cover sheets accompanying a 6/3/97 letter to Debbie Austin. One faxed to Mike Harris, 586-7647, the other faxed to Jack de Golia and Guy Adams.
450	4	6/3/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Memo to Debbie Austin about the Stratton family occupancy. Presents a chronology of events.
451	18	6/4/97	Gary Howard	Index to selected documents about the Stratton occupancy. Document numbers corresponding to this project file index have been added.
452	2	6/4/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Sean Casey about certificate of deposit Howard or Mark Stratton have with his bank. Requests copy of a letter of credit in the amount of \$3,000 verifying the CD. Letter returned for insufficient address.
453	2	unknown	Pat Barringer	Fax to Sean Casey or Supervisor at First Bank asking for copy of CD issued to Howard or Mark Stratton & USDA.
454	2	6/9/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Vady, Mark and David Stratton with information from the files. Talks about the history of the \$3,000 bond, maps of the millsites, the land exchange, and documentation of W.F. Stratton's attempt to homestead.
455	7	6/20/97	Gary Howard	Notes of meeting with Vady, Dave and Mark Stratton 6/20/97. Talked about land exchange. Dan Avery explained mining laws. Gave Strattons a copy of settlement agreement and quit-claim deed, and explained them. Strattons made FOIA request for all file information on this case. Copies of documents given Strattons follow the notes.
456	2	6/23/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Vady, Mark and David Stratton recapping 6/20/97 meeting. Said how to submit land exchange proposal, offered time to meet with Gary Howard to look at files, asked for copy of most current operating plan, asked for copy of tape recording of last two meetings.
457	1	6/24/97	Gary Howard	Note to Stratton files saying Grant, Pat and he met with the delegation last week. Summarized 6/20/97 meeting with

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				Strattons. Recommended doing a surface use determination.
458	1	6/26/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt with FOIA request and request for time extension of 30 days from when they receive information, to sign settlement agreement.
459	1	6/27/97	Grant Godbolt	Note to Guy Adams asking if we have warned Strattons how much their FOIA would cost. Says extension is okay, but not past 8/30.
460	1	6/27/97	Grant Godbolt	Note to Gary Howard agreeing with his list of items to make available to Stratton about land exchanges.
461	1	6/30/97	Sandra Dueck	Note documenting Catherine Hicks' request to see the Stratton files, and what she was told.
462	1	6/30/97	Catherine Hicks	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District asking to see the Howard and Vady Stratton case file.
463	1	7/1/97	Jack de Golia	Notes saying how to proceed with Catherine Hicks request.
464	4	7/1/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton enclosing bill for FOIA request. Letter explains fees and gives Dave the option of paying or modifying his request. Also enclosed copy of 6/23/97 letter from Grant Godbolt to Vady, Mark, and David Stratton.
465	1	7/1/97	Patricia Barringer	Memo to Jack de Golia itemizing cost of Stratton FOIA request.
466	1	7/1/97	Patricia Barringer	Note saying First Bank Butte issued a \$3,000 Certificate of Deposit on 3/27/90 that will expire 3/27/98. Phil Smelich has the CE in her safe at the Butte Annex.
467	7	7/8/97	Conrad Burns, Senator	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking him to address concerns in enclosed Stratton letter to Burns, dated 6/25/97 and addressed to American Citizens.
468	1	7/8/97	Sandra Dueck	Note saying she talked to Leonard Buhl 7/8/97 to ask if Strattons had received the mail since he had signed the PS Form 3811.
469	1	7/10/97	Dan Avery	Note including a data table showing the only mining claims with surface rights on the Deerlodge portion of the B-D.
470	2	7/11/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Catherine Hicks about her request to see the Stratton case file. Asks her to verify her address. Includes FOIA regulations, and asks if she plans to ask for copies of records in the district's files.
471	3	7/11/97	Mark A. Reavis, Historic Preservation Officer, Silver Bow Cty.	Letter to Paul Putz, State Historic Preservation Officer. Reavis supports Stratton land exchange and asks Putz to review Section 106 requirements the Forest Service must follow.
472	3	7/14/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt saying Vady Stratton is in a state of fear since the 6/20/97 meeting. Asks Grant to issue a statement to put her mind at ease.
473	12	7/15/97	Joe M. Goldenstern, Orvana Resources	Letter to Pat Barringer saying Mark, Etta, David, and Vadis Stratton entered into a mining lease with option of purchase agreement with Orvana Resources Corp. 6/1/96. Orvana wants to be kept informed of any discussions that concern Orvana or their activities in Nevin Hill and Highland City. Encloses copy of Humbug placer mining claim patent.
474	1	7/15/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton extending response date to Settlement Agreement to September 1.
475	3	7/19/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt in response to bill for FOIA. Asks for cost of information for each of 4 categories of

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				information.
476	3	7/20/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt in response to his 6/23/97 letter. Talks about draft settlement agreement not being acceptable, public support of Stratton land exchange proposal, confusion over Plan of Operations (Assignment Agreement Number 09-91-01).
477	3	7/21/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt in response to preliminary draft of Settlement Agreement submitted to Stratton 6/20/97. Itemizes items in error or missing from the agreement. Encloses copy of Settlement Agreement and Quitclaim sent to Strattons 6/20/97.
478	2	7/22/97	Unknown	Photographs labeled "Strattons".
479	10	7/23/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Hal Salwasser summarizing dealings with the Jefferson District and asking for the information for the submittal of a Land Trade Proposal to the Forest Service. Enclosed copies of recent communications with Grant Godbolt's office, copy of Land Trade Proposal submitted to Debbie Austin, and articles about his dad's childhood in the Highlands.
480	2	7/28/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton itemizing cost of FOIA request as requested in Dave's 7/19/97 letter.
481	2	7/29/97	Forest Service	Briefing Paper, Stratton Family Occupancy.
482	3	7/30/97	Gerry Alcock, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Burns in response to his 7/8/97 inquiry. Discusses land exchange objectives, the earlier offer to let the Strattons live on the Forest land all their lives, mining law and validity, and the bond.
483	2	8/1/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 7/14/97 letter. Talks about choices we have with the house, comment on Ruby Ridge, and responsibility.
484	4	8/6/97	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Debbie Austin enclosing three letters from Dave Stratton (7/21/97 to Grant Godbolt, 7/23/97 to Hal Salwasser, and 7/23/97 to Pat Barringer about snow removal) and the Butte-Silver Bow Historic Preservation Office (8/11/97 letter from Mark Reavis to Kim Krueger, and 8/11/97 letter to Paul Putz). Asks Debbie to address all the concerns.
485	1	8/11/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Vickie Sullivan, DEQ. Alerts her the Stratton residence septic system appears not to be functioning properly. Encloses maps to the site.
486	2	8/12/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Highlands homesteaders asked to move from land._
487	1	8/12/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to Editor, Montana Standard correcting story on Stratton family in 8/12/97 paper.
488	2	8/13/97	Conrad Burns, Senator	Letter to Grant Godbolt asking for additional information about the Stratton case.
489	2	8/14/97	Associated Press	Article from internet, "Eviction has family, ranger in wrangle".
490	1	8/15/97	The Billings Gazette	Article, "Ranger targets squatters".
491	1	8/15/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton asking for more information on the Moonlight Mill Site claim and property he proposes to trade. Can extend 9/1 deadline for settlement agreement to give him time to collect information.
492	1	8/17/97	Montana Standard	Article, "Time to move off the public's land", by Grant

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493	3	8/20/97	Sandra Morris, Archeologist	Memo to District Ranger about cultural resources and the Stratton case. Includes record search, field inventory, discussion of project impacts, and recommendations. Minimum of three cultural sites we must consider in the land trade alternative for resolving Stratton case.
494	2	8/20/97	Kathleen McAllister, for Regional Forester	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 7/23/97 letter. Concurs with Deborah Austin's recommendation in her 8/13/97 letter to Dave. Continue to work with District Ranger and Forest Supervisor for resolution.
495	4	8/20/97	Thomas Heintz, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to the five letters he enclosed with his 8/6/97 letter. Talks about historic resources, snow removal, and repeats responses to 6/25/97 letter of Dave Stratton, sent to Conrad Burns 7/30/97.
496	2	8/20/97	Edward A. Thamke, MT Dept. Environmental Quality	Letter to Grant Godbolt telling him to contact Paul Riley of Silver Bow County Health Department about the Stratton septic system.
497	1	8/21/97	Grant Godbolt	Note to Debbie Austin and others about phone calls from Burn and Baucus' offices. No land exchange or occupancy decision yet.
498	3	8/20/97	Erena Stratton-Reeves	Letter to Senator Baucus with Stratton's Highlands history, asking for his help because the Forest Service wants to move her family off their land.
499	15	8/21/97	Ray TeSoro	Note to Debbie Austin with summary of mining related occupancy trespass cases. Includes paper by Michael Burnside, 1997.
500	1	8/22/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton clarifying time line and purpose of Settlement Agreement. Still depends on decision about land exchange.
501	1	8/22/97	Patricia Barringer	Documents conversation about Strattons with some citizens of Basin, MT.
502	1	8/24/97	Vady Stratton	Opinion in Montana Standard responding to Grant Godbolt's opinion of 8/17/97.
503	1	8/27/97	Forest Service	Cancelled Bill for Collection for Stratton FOIA request (dated 7/1/97).
504	1	8/28/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Specialist studies proposed land exchange in Highlands"; "Anxiety over quit-claim deed eases for longtime residents".
505	3	9/2/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Burns in response to his 8/13/97 letter asking for information about the Stratton occupancy. Enclosed copies of: 9/14/39 Special Use Permit; 6/27/77 note to file; 8/9/77 note from SO to RO; 2/9/78 letter from RO to Stratton; 5/19/78 letter from Roginske to Uivary; 2/25/80 letter from Linch to Stratton; 3/4/78 note to files about bond; 3/5/91 letter form Godbolt to Stratton about bond; 3/27/91 letter from Godbolt to First Bank Butte about bond; 3/29/91 letter from Godbolt to Stratton paying him bond interest; 4/10/91 letter from Godbolt to Stratton about bond; 6/14/91 letter from Weikel to First Bank about bond, with signed Assignment Agreement and copy of CD; 8/16/78 milling plan of operations; 10/29/79 Amended Declaratory Statement; 9/19/78 Amendment to Millsite Operating Plan; 11/6/78

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				Reclamation Plan for Millsites; 11/13/78 Settling Pond; 8/25/78 letter from Day to District Ranger; 9/10/78 road Plan of Operations; 9/22/78 letter from Uivary to Stratton approved NOI; 7/23/79 letter from Stratton to Uivary; 9/7/79 letter from Uivary to Stratton approved millsite POO; 7/30/93 letter from Godbolt to Stratton approving POO, Upper Highland Group POO.
506	1	9/2/97	Patricia Barringer	Note documenting conversation with member of public about Stratton occupancy.
507	7	9/2/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to David Stratton responding to his 7/21/97 letter about the proposed settlement agreement. Encloses "References in Chronological District File".
508	2	9/5/97	Jack Lynch, Butte Silver-Bow Chief Executive	Letter to Congressman Rick Hill asking him to review the issues surrounding the relocation of the Strattons.
509	2	9/10/97	Max Baucus, Senator	Letter to Grant Godbolt enclosing letter from a constituent (8/20/97, Erena Stratton-Reevs). Asks Grant for his comments.
510	2	9/10/97	Paul A. Riley, County Sanitarian	Letter to Grant Godbolt documenting investigation of Stratton's sewer treatment system. They found no problems.
511	1	9/11/97	Dan Avery	Note to District Ranger saying he contacted Paul Riley to inspect Stratton's sewage treatment system. Paul called his and said his inspection showed no problem.
512	3	9/12/97	Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest	Briefing Paper, Stratton Family Occupancy. Background, General Problem, Key Points, Current Options, and For More Information.
513	2	9/16/97	Grant Godbolt	Fax cover sheets sending 9/12/97 briefing paper to Mike Harris, Cindy Perdue-Dolan and Jim Kuipers.
514	1	9/15/97	Rick Hill, Representative	Letter to Mr. Godbolt enclosing letter from Jack Lynch about the Stratton family. Asks for response.
515	1	9/15/97	Pat Barringer	Note documenting comments from unnamed man about Stratton occupancy.
516	1	9/16/97	Steve Hicks	Letter to Debbie Austin advising her to rein in the district ranger and trade land with Strattons.
517	2	9/18/97	Fritz Daily	Letter to Senator Burns supporting Stratton's occupying the mill site.
518	2	9/18/97	Jack de Golia, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Senator Baucus responding to 8/20/97 letter to him from Erena Stratton Reeves.
519	1	9/23/97	Patricia Barringer	Public Contact Record, documenting conversation with Kenneth Waldron of Butte. He doesn't think the Strattons deserve any consideration from the FS.
520	1	9/23/97	Grant Godbolt	Public Contact Record, documenting conversation with unnamed person, about Stratton occupancy.
521	1	9/24/97	Eric Tolf, for District Ranger	Letter to David Stratton saying the Forest Service is proceeding with a detailed analysis of his land exchange proposal, while also starting a surface use determination examination.
522	2	9/25/97	Dave Stratton	Dear Editor letter to the Butte Weekly about Stratton occupancy.
523	6	9/25/97	John McKay	Fax to Pat Barringer. Sends Aug. 1997 letter from Vady Stratton to John McKay, and John's 9/16/97 draft response. Asks for review of John's letter.

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524	1	9/26/97	Grant Godbolt	Note faxed to John McKay with response to his draft letter of 9/16/97.
525	1	9/26/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Representative Hill responding to Jack Lynch's 9/5/97 letter to him about the Stratton occupancy.
526	1	9/28/97	Steve Hicks	Submission to The Montana Standard's "Our Readers Speak" about the Stratton occupancy.
527	2	9/29/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Editor of The Butte Weekly responding to Dave Stratton's 9/25/97 letter to the editor.
528	2	9/29/97	Peri Suenram, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to Steve Hicks responding to his letter of 9/15/97.

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529	2	10/3/97	Deborah L.R. Austin Forest Supervisor	Letter to Frances Hooker responding to her 9/23 letter about Vady and Dave Stratton.
530	1	10/8/97	Grant Godbolt	Public Contact Record of conversation with "2 Local Merchants" about Stratton occupancy.
531	1	10/8/97	Grant Godbolt	Public Contact Record of conversation with "Local Whitehall Merchant" about Stratton occupancy.
532	1	10/15/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Deborah Austin in The Butte Weekly" about the Stratton land trade proposal.
533	2	10/15/97	Stan Frasier, Pres. MT Wildlife Federation	Letter to Grant Godbolt opposing issuance of any new special occupancy permits or land trades with Strattons.
534	1	10/20/97	Patricia Barringer	Memo to District Ranger about Stratton septic system. Traces history of septic system inspection.
535	1	10/20/97	David P. Ashley	Letter to Jefferson Ranger District offering understanding in the difficult situation they face on a daily basis. Refers to trespass in the Highlands and Elkhorns.
536	1	10/28/97	Joe Gutkoski	Letter to Grant Godbolt supporting their recent efforts to clear up Stratton's occupancy.
537	1	10/28/97	Dan Avery, Forest Mining Engineer	Letter to Grant Godbolt about a phone conversation with Dave Stratton. They talked about scheduling the special use determination, the 1978 plan of operations,
538	2	10/30/97	George Gordon	Letter to Debbie Austin about the Stratton occupancy. Support Strattons continuing to live where they are.
539	2	10/31/97	Bob Cole, President Flathead Wildlife, Inc.	Letter to Grant Godbolt after reviewing 9/12/97 briefing paper on Stratton occupancy. Support option 1, with option 4 as backup.
540	3	11/3/97	Dave Stratton	Letter to Grant Godbolt about the missing entrance sign on Fish Creek road.
541	2	11/5/97	Patricia Barringer, for District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton clarifying the status of a plan of operations for the mill site, and the information needed for a surface use determination. Enclosed 3/5/91 letter from Grant asking for updated POO for millsite.
542	1	11/18/97	Jack de Golia, for Forest Supervisor	Letter to George Gordon in response to his 10/30/97 letter.
543	2	11/19/97	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 11/3/97 letter about the missing Fish Creek entrance sign.
544	1	11/24/97	Bob Lucas, President Big Sky Upland Bird Association	Letter to Grant Godbolt about the Stratton occupancy. Says the property should be returned to the people of the United States.
545	1	11/25/97	Ernest Freund, Sec. Laurel Rod & Gun Club	Letter to Grant Godbolt about the Stratton occupancy. Says their 300 members oppose the illegal occupancy of public land.
546	1	12/2/97	S. Morris	Note about 12/2/97 phone call from Dave Stratton. His

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				mother is concerned about arson.
547	1	12/4/97	Larry Kieckbusch	Note saying KBOW Partyline had a call in show on 11/25 or 26 1997 about what people were thankful for. One of the Strattons called in to say their situation with the FS had improved.
548	1	12/5/97	Grant	Note to Pat, Gary H. and Debbie about discussion with Mike Harris of Senator Burns Office regarding Stratton briefing paper.
549	1	12/18/97	Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to the Editor, Montana Standard. Corrects errors in their 12/18/97 article about the Stratton occupancy.
550	1	12/18/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Inside Edition' featuring Highlands land dispute".
551	1	12/18/97	Sandy Kieckbusch	Note to Grant Godbolt that Steve Hicks stopped, asking to see the Stratton case file. He reviewed several files.
552	1	12/21/97	Betsy Cohen, Montana Standard	Article, "Cutthroat trout discovery spices Highlands dispute".
553	5	12/29/97	Dave Stratton	Fax to regional office sending 11/8/97 letter he sent to RO and asking for response. Also sent 10/30/97 letter he sent to Mike Dombeck, as it was a part of the 11/8/97 letter.
554	1	1/6/98	Don & Beth Bernard	Letter to Debbie Austin about the Stratton Occupancy.
555	2	1/7/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Sandy Morris about historical investigations for the Stratton family land trade.
556	3	1/14/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Jefferson County Attorney including emergency safety plan for the Stratton mill.
557	2	1/14/98	Ted Kamrud	Data table about Stratton claims.
558	2	1/26/98	Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton responding to his 10/30/97 letter to Mike Dombeck.
559	13	1/27/98	Unsigned	History of Plans of Operation, Stratton Occupancy Case; History of Compliance; Documentation on Mining Claims and Bond Determinations.
560	3	2/2/98	Dan Avery and Gary Howard	Memo to Forest Supervisor, Chronology of the Stratton Mill Site Plan of Operation.
561	3	2/3/98	Deborah L.R. Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton answering questions he asked in a 1/6/98 phone conversation with Debbie Austin.
562	9	2/12/98	Dan Avery	Statements That Are Not Founded in Fact.
563	4	3/4/98	Jane Darnell	Fax to Gary Howard sending 2/4/98 letter from USDI to Representative Bud Shuster; 2/2/98 letter from Bud Shuster to Secretary of the Interior; and 1/5/98 letter from Donald C. Varner to Mr. Shuster. Fax asks for draft of response to Mr. Varner's letter for Lyon's signature.
564	6	3/24/98	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Mark Stratton asking him to update information on the bond at First Bank Butte.
565	2	6/22/98	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton as follow-up to 6/15/98 phone conversation. Asks for meeting to discuss surface use determination. Unopened certified letter returned to sender.
566	3	6/24/98	Guy Adams	IBM correspondence with "Mike" about recreation residences and if this option fits the Strattons.
567	2	6/28/98	The Montana Standard	Story about Highland City and the Stratton Mill in a supplement, "The Way We Were". Written by Dave Stratton.
568	1	7/7/98	The Montana Standard	Obituary for William Highland Stratton, died July 2, 1998. Brother to Howard Stratton.

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569	1	Unknown	Unknown	Obituary for William Highland Stratton, died July 2, 1998. Brother to Howard Stratton.
570	1	7/8/98	The Butte Weekly	A list of building permits in Butte-Silver Bow in June.
571	2	7/10/98	Grant Godbolt, District Ranger	Letter to Dave Stratton referring to earlier letter about beginning the surface use determination. Unopened certified letter returned to sender.
572	1	7/15/98	Pat Barringer	Fax cover sheet sending 7/10/98 letter to Dave Stratton to Jack de Golia. Says 7/10/98 certified letter was not picked up, but both it and the 6/22/98 letter were also sent regular mail.
573	2	7/15/98	Pat Barringer	Memo to files documenting phone calls about the Stratton surface use determination. Calls were to Mark Stratton's home, by Dave Stratton to the RO and U.S. Attorney, and with Sherry Matteucci.
574	1	7/16/98	Guy Adams	Internal IBM notes saying to keep Kim Krueger informed about Stratton surface use determination proceedings.
575	17	7/17/98	Thomas Heintz, Acting Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton about getting power to his private land and procedures for a surface use determination.
576	16	7/21/98	Becky, Regional Forester's Office	Fax including 7/20/98 letter from Dave Stratton to Dale Bosworth with its enclosures: 9/7/79 letter from John Uivary to Howard Stratton, 1/30/98 letter from Skyline Sportsmen's Assn. to Deborah Austin; 12/21/97 article about westslope cutthroat on Stratton land; photo of Stratton hydroelectric plant; 7/20/98 invoice for photocopying and mailing, written to Dave Stratton.
577	3	7/22/98	Dan Avery, Forest Mining Engineer	Memo to Forest Supervisor titled, "Allegations Made by Dave Stratton."
578	2	7/31/98	Linda D. Goodman, for Regional Forester	Letter to Dave Stratton in response to his 7/20/98 letter.
579	2	8/10/98	Sherry Scheel Matteucci, US Atty.	Letter to Dave Stratton acknowledging receipt of materials he sent her, and answering his questions.
580	1	8/11/98	Ray TeSoro	Documentation of a phone call with Dave Stratton about rescheduling surface use determination.
581	1	8/21/98	Paul Putz, State Historic Preservation Officer	Memo to Mike Ryan, Archaeologist, Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest. About historic property known as the Stratton Mill.
582	1	8/24/98	Linda D. Goodman, for Regional Forester	Letter to Dave Stratton about field work for surface use determination.
582 A	16	9/9/98	Unknown	Rough Draft Deed of Conservation Easement, Gildersleeve family.
583	2	9/9/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Mr. TeSoro, Regional Office postponing the surface use determination scheduled for 9/15/98.
584	2	9/9/98	Dave Stratton	Letter to Mr. TeSoro, Regional Office issuing a no trespass order for his buildings and other personal property at the Historic Stratton Mill.
585	3	9/15/98	Deborah Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Dave Stratton not postponing the surface use determination. The letter was hand-delivered on 9/16/98.
586	1	9/16/98	John Joy	Note to the files documenting delivery of a letter to Mrs. Stratton.
586 A	1	9/16/98	Amber Mabbot	Note to the files documenting delivery of a letter to Mrs. Stratton.

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587	2	9/24/98	Dan Avery	Request to BLM for copies of location notices for mining claim serial numbers.
588	2	9/30/98	Whitehall Ledger	"Whitehall Q&A With Grant Godbolt, district ranger Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest".
589	1	10/14/98	Dan Avery	Documentation of phone call with Rob Fredericks in Orvana's Coeur d'Alene office.
590	1	10/16/98	Ray TeSoro	Memo to Forest Supervisor updating her on the surface use determination and documenting two phone calls with Dave Stratton.
591	1	10/22/98	Ron Spoon, MDFWP Fishery Biologist	Letter to Dave Stratton about potential for cutthroat trout enhancement in Fish Creek.
592	2	11/16/98	Jack Craven Acting Director of Land, USDA FS	Letter to Congressman Shuster in reply to his 2298 letter to the Secretary of the Interior, about the Stratton family.
593	1	11/20/98	Deborah Austin, Forest Supervisor	Letter to Mark Stratton regarding expiration date of special use permit for water transmission line
594	1	1/4/99	Nancy Rusho Nez Perce NF	Documentation of phone call with Doyle Albers to discuss the Butte Highlands project. Note mentions Strattons as owners of properties in the Highlands leased by Orvana.
595	8	1/5/99	Pat Barringer	Fax to Ray TeSoro containing claim information
596	1	2/3/99	Dale Bosworth Regional Forester	Letter to Senator Burns in response to his 1/11/99 letter to the regional office about the Stratton mill site.
597	12	3/5/99	Grant Godbolt	Fax cover with enclosures to Debbie Austin regarding Plan of Operations.
598	3	5/11/99	Rick Hill and Conrad Burns	Letter to Dale N. Bosworth regarding SUD.
599	2	5/28/99	Dale Bosworth, Regional Forester	Letter to Senator burns and Congressman Hill responding to letter dated 5/11/99 explaining SUD.
600	1	9/26/99	Dori McLaughlin, Budget Analyst	Memo regarding a time savings certificate

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601	1	2/22/00	Gary Howard	Memo to Janette Kaiser regarding life tenure
602	2	3/27/00	Ron B. Wiseman, Acting District Ranger	Letter to Highland gold Properties, attn: Dave Stratton regarding reclamation bond.
603	7	3/24/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Letter to David Stratton transmitting decision on SUD
604	6	5/9/00	Dave Stratton	Notice of Appeal on SUD 605
605	2	5/18/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Letter to David Stratton initiating another appeal period
606	1	5/18/00		Affidavit of Certified mail contents sent to Dave Stratton
607	2	5/18/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Copy of David Stratton letter sent to Vadis Stratton initiating another appeal period.
608	1	8/18/00		Affidavit of Certified mail contents sent to Vadis Stratton
609	2	5/18/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Copy of David Stratton letter sent to Mark Stratton initiating another appeal period.
610	1	8/18/00		Affidavit of Certified mail contents sent to Mark Stratton
611	1	6/1/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Letter to David Stratton documenting his intent to withdraw his first appeal
612	1	6/9/00	Gary Morrison, Recreation and Lands Director	Letter to David Stratton dismissing his initial appeal
613	1			Return receipts from letters to Dave, Mark, and Vadis Stratton initiating another appeal period
614	4	7/3/00	Dave Stratton	Notice of Appeal on SUD
615	1	7/10/00	Gary Morrison	Letter to Dave Stratton Notifying him of receipt of his appeal
616	1	8/4/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Request for extension on submitting responsive statement to Stratton Mill appeal
617	1	8/7/00	Gary Morrison	Approval of extension for submitting responsive statement

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617.5	8	9/1/00	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Responsive Statement to Stratton's Appeal
618	2	9/19/00	Dave Stratton	Appellant's response to Forest Supervisor's responsive statement
619	1	9/26/00	Gary Morrison, Reviewing Officer	Letter to Dave Stratton closing the appeal record
620	1	10/24/00	Gary Morrison, Reviewing Officer	Letter to Dave Stratton extending review period of the appeal record to 12/8/00.
621	2	11/29/00	Gary Morrison, Reviewing Officer	Letter to Janette Kaiser and Dave Stratton requesting additional information for his consideration in deciding the appeal
622	5	11/20/00	Pat Barringer	Responses to contentions made in the Stratton appeal
623	4	Unknown	Dan Avery	Responses to contentions made in the Stratton appeal
624	2	No date		Jefferson District sign records
625	1	1/17/01	Jeffrey Roundy	Message on Roundy's involvement in the Stratton case
626	1	1/18/01	Linsey Strickland	Message on Strickland's involvement in the Stratton case
627	1	1/19/01	Jeffrey Roundy	Message on King's involvement in the Stratton case
628	13	1/30/01	Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor	Responsive statement transmitting additional information on Stratton Appeal

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		7/28/99	Ray TeSoro and NancyRusho	Surface Use Determination for the Moonlight and Last Chance Unpatented Mill Sites on Roaring Brook, Highland Mountains, Silver Bow County, Montana

Related documents are found in files for Stratton road use and snow plowing, Stratton Proposed Land Exchange, 1997 and 1998.