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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Stevens:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed on behalf of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, the Park County Environmental Council, and Edward Bazinet regarding the Windmill Timber Sale and Road Decommissioning Project Record of Decision (ROD) on the Gallatin National Forest.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and recommends the Forest Supervisor's decision be reversed because the EIS fails to provide a reasonable range of alternatives that meet the purpose and need for the project.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.17 to ensure the analysis and decision is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, your arguments, the information referenced in the Forest Supervisor's December 5, 2003, transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letter provides specific page references to discussions in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the ROD, and project file which bear upon your objections. I specifically incorporate in this decision the appeal record, the references and citations contained in the transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation.

Based upon a review of the references and citations provided by the Forest Supervisor, I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions.

I reverse the Forest Supervisor's decision to implement the Windmill Timber Sale and Road Decommissioning project.



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

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen A. McAllister
KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER
Appeal Deciding Officer
Deputy Regional Forester

Enclosures (1)

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