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**Route To:**

**Subject:** Request for Extension of Time to Prepare Responsive Statement - Snodgrass Appeal

**To:** Region 2, Regional Forester

On December 18, 2009 your office received an appeal from Crested Butte Mountain Resort, of my November 5, 2009 decision relating to development of Snodgrass Mountain. Per our discussions, and my letter to CBMR of December 16, 2009, this appeal will be accepted and processed as a valid appeal under the provisions of 36 CFR 251 Subpart C. According to that regulation, I am to prepare a responsive statement to the appeal within 30 days of your receipt of the appeal.

With this letter I am requesting an extension of time, in accordance with 36 CFR 251.89(b), to prepare a responsive statement. Here are my reasons. We are just entering the Christmas holidays, and many key staff have leave scheduled. This is a complex project/issue and the appeal itself is 71 pages of legal argument, with attachments, requiring considerable time and focus to prepare a considered response. We have also offered to meet with the appellant to discuss issues raised, and, due to the Christmas holidays, scheduling such a meeting so soon will be difficult.

I am requesting a 45 day extension of time to prepare and submit a responsive statement. That would place the deadline for this submittal at March 3, 2010.

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