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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Appellants:

I have received your appeal filed under 36 CFR 215 protesting the choices made by the Swan Lake District Ranger regarding completing the NEPA process for culvert removal on North Lost Creek on the Flathead NF.

The cessation of work on the NEPA process for a proposed project is not an appealable decision under 36 CFR 215. Therefore, I am dismissing your appeal and closing the record without a decision on its merits.

This decision is the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture and is not subject to higher level review [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

/s/ Margaret E. Walker (For)

KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER
Appeals Deciding Officer
Deputy Regional Forester

