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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT
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Dear Mr. Bird:

I have received your appeal, on behalf of Forest Conservation Council and National Forest Protection Alliance, of the Tally Lake District Ranger's Decision Notice and Environmental Assessment for the Swaney Fire Salvage and Fuels Reduction Project on the Flathead National Forest.

Regretfully, I must dismiss your appeal without review in accordance with 36 CFR 215.15. The record for this project indicates that you did not provide comments or express interest regarding the Swaney Fire Salvage and Fuels Reduction Project prior to or during the comment period. A decision may only be appealed by persons who..."provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in a particular proposed action by the close of the comment period..."(emphasis added, 36 CFR 215.11(a)(2). Therefore, pursuant to 36 CFR 215.15(a)(5), I am dismissing your appeal because you did not express an interest in the specific proposal at any time prior to the close of the comment period.

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/ J. Doug Glevanik (For)

KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER
Appeal Deciding Officer
Deputy Regional Forester

cc:
Flathead NF

