



File Code: 1570 (251-1)
#00-01-00-0083

Date: June 9, 2000

David Stratton
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Dear Mr. Stratton:

I have received a letter from the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor (dated June 1, 2000) documenting your intent to withdraw your May 9, 2000, appeal regarding the Surface Use Determination (SUD) report (Moonlight and Last Chance Mill site claims).

I have also received a copy of the Forest Supervisor's May 18, 2000, letter to you stating that she was initiating another appeal period on her decision to ensure you have time to review the SUD report, as you state you did not receive it with her March 24, 2000, decision letter.

In light of the above information we are dismissing your appeal, and it will not be processed in accordance with CFR 251.92(a)(3)(b). We do understand that you have the option of appealing under the revised appeal period. As stated in the Forest Supervisor's May 18, 2000, letter, your appeal must be postmarked by July 3, 2000.

This decision is the final determination of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. Doug Glevanik (For)

GARY A. MORRISON
Reviewing Officer
Director, Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage
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cc:
Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

