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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Lindholdt:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed on behalf of The Lands Council regarding the Dry Wall Decision Notice (DN) on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and recommends the Acting District Ranger's decision be affirmed and your requested relief be denied.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.17 to ensure the analysis and decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, including your arguments, the information referenced in the Acting District Ranger's March 21, 2003, transmittal letter and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letter provides the specific page references to discussions in the Environmental Assessment (EA), the DN 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 Acting District Ranger, I find the objections were adequately considered in the EA/DN. I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections. I find the Acting District Ranger has made a reasoned decision and has complied with all laws, regulations, and policy.

After careful consideration of the above factors, I affirm the Acting District Ranger's decision to implement the Dry Wall project. Your requested relief is denied.



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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