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Subject: United States Air Force Survival Training SUP (01-06-0010-15)

To: Regional Forester

On October 2, 2000, Colville Forest Supervisor Nora B. Rasure signed a Decision Notice (DN) for the United States Air Force Survival Training Special Use Permit Renewal Environmental Assessment (EA). Mr. Philip H. Von Lintel appealed the decision.

I conducted my review in accordance with 36 CFR 215. My review was to ensure that the analysis and decision comply with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. The appeal record, including the appellant's objections and requested relief, have been thoroughly reviewed.

The appeal focuses on the adequacy of the data used in the analysis, the format of the public involvement and scoping efforts, and asserts that the Forest Supervisor's decision is not in accordance with the legal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The appeal asserts an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be prepared.

My recommendation is based upon the following evaluation.

Clarity of the Decision and Rationale

I have examined the stated purpose and need for the project and find it is consistent with national policy, agency objectives, and the Forest Plan. The selected alternative will accomplish the stated purpose and need.

I find the Responsible Official's logic is adequately described by the DN. The selected alternative responds to both public and agency comments. The project description and implementation requirements described in the DN, EA, and supporting documentation are clear. I have enclosed a copy of the DN and the Forest Supervisor's transmittal that indicates where the record addresses specific issues.

I believe the Forest Supervisor made a reasoned and informed decision, and I agree with her decision as described by the DN. The decision documentation clearly demonstrates and supports the purpose and need for and the benefits and environmental consequences of the alternatives, including the selected alternative.

The decision documentation is consistent with the Colville NF Land and Resource Management Plan. The project proposal is consistent with Agency policy and direction. The decision documentation indicates that the Forest Supervisor carried out an extensive process for providing public participation opportunities and responding to comments.



Requested Changes and Objections of the Appellant

The appellant's requested relief, in general, is that the decision be reversed and an EIS prepared. After reviewing the appellant's assertions and supporting rationale, granting the requested relief is not warranted.

Based on my review, I recommend you affirm the Forest Supervisor's decision.

/s/ Kimberly Ewart Bown

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