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Dear Mr. Stukes:

We received your appeal of Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams' March 17, 2011 Record of Decision for the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan. The legal notice initiating the appeal period for the decision was published in the Glenwood Springs Post Independent on May 4, 2011, and the appeal filing period closed on June 20, 2011. Your appeal was submitted in a timely fashion under the provisions of 36 CFR § 215.6 (a)(4). However, in order to have standing to appeal, an individual or organization must have: "Provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in a particular proposed action by the close of the comment period specified in Sec. 215.6." (36 CFR § 215.11(a)).

The proposed White River National Forest Travel Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) were available to the public for a 45-day formal comment period from July 28 to October 26, 2006. From November 7, 2008 to January 6, 2009, the White River National Forest released the Supplemental DEIS for the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan for another 45-day public comment period.

Pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR 215.11(a) you did not provide comments or otherwise express interest during the comment period(s). Therefore, I am dismissing your appeal pursuant to 36 CFR § 215.11(a). This determination does not constitute a formal appeal disposition pursuant to 36 CFR § 215.18(c).

We appreciate your interest in this planning project and hope that you are able to resolve your concerns through further discussions with Forest Supervisor Fitzwilliams.

Any questions related to the Forest Service appeal process may be directed to Cindy Dean, Acting Regional Appeals Coordinator at 303-275-5470 or cdean@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Randall Karstaedt
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