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Dear Mr. Wuest:

I have received your appeal, on behalf of the Panhandle Trail Riders Association (PANTRA), of the Clearwater National Forest Travel Plan signed by the Forest Supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest.

While you provided comments during the scoping period, there is no evidence that you submitted comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Individuals who may be associated with PANTRA did provide comments on the DEIS; however, these comments were not on behalf of PANTRA.

36 CFR 215.11
Who may participate in appeals
(a) …an appeal pursuant to this part may be filed by any person who, or any non-Federal organization or entity that has met either of the following criteria:
(1) Submitted written comment in response to a project draft Environmental Impact Statement; or
(2) Provided comment or otherwise expressed interest in a particular proposed action by the close of the comment period specified in 36 CFR 215.6.

Because you did not submit comments during the comment period for the Clearwater Travel Plan DEIS, I am dismissing your appeal without further review in accordance with 36 CFR 215.16(a)(6).

Questions regarding the processing of your appeal should be directed to Raymond Smith, Regional Appeals Coordinator, at (406) 329-3381.

Sincerely,

For JANE L. COTTRELL
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Lois R Hill, Norma Staaf, Rick Brazell, Ray G Smith