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Dear Forest Neighbor:

I am writing to inform you of my decision for the Trans Superior Resources, Inc. – Federal Minerals Hardrock Prospecting Project Environmental Assessment (EA). On December 14th, 2012, I signed the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) to implement Alternative 2, with slight modifications to the stipulations. This DN/FONSI is being sent to those who provided input on the project.

There were a few minor wording changes to the stipulations in the pre-decisional EA, which are outlined in the enclosed documentation. The EA in its entirety is available upon request from either the Ontonagon Ranger District office at: 1209 Rockland Road, Ontonagon, Michigan 49953 or the Kenton Ranger District office at: 4810 E. M-28, Kenton, MI 49967. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Kenton Ranger District office. More information is also available on the Forest's website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=38891>.

The DN/FONSI explains my rationale for reaching this final decision. Comments received during the 30-day EA comment period have been reviewed and considered in making this decision. Documentation of this review and responses to comments received is located in the project file and available upon request. Comments received on this public action are part of the public record and therefore, are available for inspection upon request.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. A written notice of appeal must be submitted within 45 calendar days after the Legal Notice is published in the Ironwood Daily Globe. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, then filing time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day. The date of the publication of the Legal Notice is the only means for calculating the date by which appeals must be submitted; do not rely upon any other source for this information.

The Notice of Appeal must be sent to: ATTN: Appeal Deciding Officer, Anthony Scardina; c/o USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Region; Gaslight Building, Suite 700, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4616. The Notice of Appeal may alternatively be faxed to: 414-944-3963, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office. Those wishing to submit appeals by email may do so to appeals-eastern-regionaloffice@fs.fed.us. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html email, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications. Hand-



delivered appeals may be submitted at the above address between 7:30 and 4:00 pm Central Time, Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

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If no appeal is received implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before 5 business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for 15 business days following the date of appeal disposition. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you need any additional information, please contact LeAnn S. Colburn, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the Kenton Ranger District office (telephone: 906-852-3500, ext. 21; e-mail: lscolburn@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,



SUSANNE M. ADAMS
District Ranger

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