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Dear Interested Party,

The USDA Forest Service, Leadville Ranger District has signed the Decision Memo for the Northwest Leadville Project Categorical Exclusion. The project will occur adjacent to Home Stake Trout Club, Sylvan Lakes Subdivision, Piney Run Subdivision, Mountain View East Trailer Park and other private in-holdings, northwest of Leadville, Colorado. A copy of the Decision Memo is enclosed for your review.

In February 2006, the original decision memo for this project was signed. The project had been completed using Categorical Exclusion (CE) 31.2 – #10 (hazardous fuels reduction activities using prescribed fire, not to exceed 4,500 acres, and mechanical methods for crushing, piling, thinning, pruning, cutting, chipping, mulching, and mowing, not to exceed 1,000 acres). Due to litigation at the national level, that CE authority can no longer be used. The project has been revised and a new Decision Memo has been completed using CE 31.2 – #6 (timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities which do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than one mile of low standard road construction).

This decision is subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations. Appeals (including attachments) must be in writing and filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the Appeal Deciding Officer (CFR 215.8) within 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the Herald Democrat. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculation the time to file an appeal (CFR 215.15(a)). Those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.13(b) only those individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period may file an appeal.

The appellant is responsible for submitting an appeal on or before the last day of the appeal period. Where there is a question about timeliness, the U S Postal Service postmark on a mailed appeal or the time and date imprint on a facsimile appeal will be used to determine timeliness.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.9(a), if no appeal is filed, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, the fifth day from the close of the appeal filing period.



For additional information concerning this decision or the Forest Service appeal process, contact Lisa Corbin, Mountain Zone Fuel Specialist, Leadville Ranger District, at (719) 486-0749.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jon Morrissey

Jon Morrissey
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Enclosure(s)