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Dear Interested Citizen:

I am writing to update you on the Galena cell tower proposal on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the "*Galena Summit Communications Project*" has been completed.

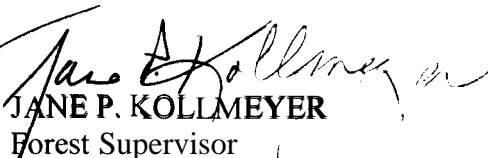
I have decided to implement Alternative 1 – No Action as described in the EA. My Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Issue is attached to this letter and it explains my rationale. As we entered into this analysis, I did not have a pre-conceived outcome in mind. Instead, I let the process raise the issues to be analyzed. I know this project has been very contentious with strong feelings on both sides of the proposal. I looked to the effects analysis documented in the EA as well as Forest Plan direction and the law creating the Sawtooth National Recreation Area to give me guidance in making this decision. I believe I adhered to the guidance of these laws in this decision.

The Decision Notice and the 84-page EA is available electronically on our Sawtooth Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/projects/> Paper copies and Compact Discs (CDs) of these documents are also available at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area - Headquarters Office and Stanley office, and the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office.

My decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. An appeal may be filed by those who submitted comments for this project during the formal 30-day comment period (April 19 – May 21, 2007). Direction on how to file an appeal can be found in the Decision Notice.

For further information, please contact Jackie Richter at the Forest Supervisor's office in Twin Falls (address on letterhead) or phone her at (208) 737-3247.

Sincerely,


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