

Dear :

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the “Gooding C&H Allotment Management Plan Revision” located on the Fairfield Ranger District has been completed. I have decided to implement Alternative 2 – Current Management with Adaptive Management as explained in the EA. I issued my decision on November 26, 2008.

The decision authorizes continued grazing on the Gooding C&H Allotment with a ten-year permit; updates the Allotment Management Plan (AMP); and allows for permitted livestock grazing that meets or moves toward desired resource conditions.

I based my decision on the EA and the comments received from the public on the proposal. I’ve enclosed a copy of the EA and the Decision Notice & Finding of No Significant Impact for your review.

The decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in the project during the comment period may appeal. Appeals must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the publication of this notice in Times News newspaper. This date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Timeframe information from other sources should not be relied on.

The Appeal Deciding Officer is Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer. Appeals must be sent to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or by fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Emailed appeals must be submitted in rich text (rtf), Word (doc) or portable document format (pdf) and must include the project name in the subject line. Appeals may also be hand delivered to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Those individuals and organizations who commented during the first 30-day notice for this project (April 6 – May 6, 2005) did not need to re-submit their comments in order to retain their eligibility to appeal. Individuals and organizations who commented during the second 30-day notice for this project (July 25 – August 25, 2008) and complied with the other requirements of 36 CFR 215 will also have eligibility to appeal.

If no appeals are filed within the 45-day time period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, five business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

Additional information on the decision may be obtained by contacting John Shelly, Project Manager, Fairfield Ranger Station, phone (208) 764-3202.

Sincerely,

MIKE DETTORI
Fairfield District Ranger