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Dear Interested Citizen:

The Sawtooth National Forest has completed a Supplement to the 2004 North Sheep Allotments Final Environmental Impact Statement (North Sheep FEIS). The 2004 North Sheep FEIS analyzed livestock grazing on four sheep allotments within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (Sawtooth NRA) and the Ketchum Ranger District. The 2008 North Sheep Supplement provides additional information on Forest Plan capability and suitability determinations for livestock grazing; provides a full explanation of the adaptive management strategy and its protocols; and considered new information for Management Indicator Species.

There are two Responsible Officials; the Ketchum District Ranger for the Baker Creek and North Fork-Boulder allotments, and the Area Ranger for the Sawtooth NRA for the Smiley Creek and Fisher Creek allotments. After reviewing the North Sheep supplemental analysis, we have determined that our 2004 Record of Decisions for the North Sheep Grazing Allotments are still valid and each decision remains unchanged. The North Sheep Supplement was prepared in accordance with the regulations at 36 CFR 215 which states that decisions and actions are not subject to appeal when:

(b) Determination, with documentation, that a new decision is not needed following supplementation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) or revision of an environmental assessment (EA) pursuant to FSH 1909.15, Chapter 10, section 18.

Because the analysis documented in the North Sheep Supplement provides support to the original decision, this determination is not subject to appeal.

Enclosed are copies of both March 5, 2008 Supplements to the Records of Decision documenting our determinations. Also enclosed is a copy of the Final North Sheep Supplement in the format you've requested. These documents are also available on the Sawtooth Forest internet webpage at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth/projects/>. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Team Leader for this project, Carol Brown at (208) 727-5000.

Sincerely,

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