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Dear Forest User:

I'm pleased to release the Lewis and Clark Forest Monitoring and Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2006. This abbreviated report does not contain all 76 monitoring elements contained in the Forest Plan; it focuses on emphasis areas for Forest Plan monitoring. The report contains updates to previous monitoring reports for goshawk and old growth monitoring elements (last published in May 2004) with information collected during FY 2004-2006. It also includes soil and water quality monitoring information collected during FY 2003-2006, monitoring results from sanitation harvest, and information from winter travel plan monitoring collected during the winters of 2006 and early 2007. The reports are viewable on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark. Click on Projects and Plans and go to the link to Forest Plan Monitoring Report. The 2006 report as well as previous monitoring results for goshawk and old growth are posted there.

A few changes have occurred on the Forest since our last monitoring report. Tina Lanier is District Ranger at the Belt Creek Ranger District. Tina assumed her new role in November 2006. Tim Benedict, District Ranger on the White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, has taken a position with the Eastside Timber Zone. Carol Hatfield, originally from the Helena National Forest, just recently assumed the role of White Sulphur Springs District Ranger. Recent court rulings on the 2005 Planning Rule may affect timeframes for Forest Plan revision for the Lewis and Clark Forest; initiation may be delayed until issues associated with the ruling are resolved. Development of an Environmental Management System (EMS), as part of the revision process, is being addressed at both the Regional and National level.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Lewis and Clark National Forest. We hope to enjoy you in the management of your National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lesley Thompson
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