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**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** October 9, 2008

Dear Interested Party;

I have approved the Taylor Hills land exchange as described in Alternative 1 in the Taylor Hills Land Exchange EA. My decision will result in an exchange of land and easements with a private landowner in the Taylor Hills and Tenderfoot Creek area of the White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Little Belt Mountains, Meagher County, Montana. The exchange will result in the Forest Service acquiring 151.52 acres of privately owned lands located in Sections 13 and 14, T14N, R5E and Sections 18 and 19, T14N, R6E in exchange for 158.83 acres of National Forest System lands located within Section 30 and Section 32, T14N, R5E. In addition, the Forest Service will acquire public rights-of-way on Roads No. 6424 and 6372 and on Trails No. 342 and 345 that provide public access into Tenderfoot Creek. The United States will authorize forest road easements on Roads No. 6372 and 6424 and on a road segment of Trail No. 342 for access to private lands.

The EA and my Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (DN) can be reviewed on the Lewis and Clark Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/projects/>. If you desire a hard copy of the DN, please contact White Sulphur Springs District Ranger Carol Hatfield at (406) 547-3361. A legal notice of the decision and opportunity to appeal will be published in the Great Falls Tribune. A written appeal must be submitted within 45 days from the day after publication of legal notice of the project in the Great Falls Tribune; please check the Tribune for the exact date and appeal process. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11 and must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.

It is the responsibility of the appellant to ensure their appeal is received in a timely manner. Paper appeals must be submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, ATTN: Appeal Deciding Officer, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807; or submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, ATTN: Appeal Deciding Officer, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802. Office hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Electronic appeals must be submitted to: [appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us). In electronic appeals, the subject line should contain the name of the project being appealed. An automated response will confirm the electronic appeal has been received. Electronic appeals must be submitted in MS Word, Word Perfect, or Rich Text Format (RTF).

Thank you for your interest in the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Sincerely,

/S/ LESLEY W. THOMPSON  
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Forest Supervisor

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