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A National Review Team headed by Deputy Regional Forester Beth Pendleton of the Pacific Southwest Region was convened last winter to examine public participation in the Recreation Site Facility Master Planning (RS-FMP) process. The Review Team submitted a thorough report on April 2, 2007. An Action Plan (enclosed) has now been developed in response to the Review Team's recommendations.

The Action Plan strengthens our aim to work with the public. Working with stakeholders, constituents, and communities, we can collectively determine the needs for forest recreation facilities to meet future demands—all with a goal to improve the recreation experience.

As an initial matter, the Review Team recommended that, wherever possible, jargon and acronyms be eliminated. I concur. The term "master planning" implies to some that this is a decision-making process, as opposed to an analytic one. Therefore, the analysis of recreation facilities formerly referred to as Recreation Site Facility Master Planning, or RS-FMP, shall be referred to more accurately and simply as **Recreation Facility Analysis**.

I endorse the actions identified in the Action Plan. Two are highlighted below:

- The direction you received from Deputy Chief Joel Holtrop, concerning public participation in Recreation Facility Analysis (letter dated October 12, 2006) is repeated and reinforced. Recreation Facility Analysis is an excellent tool for aligning recreation sites with future demand and its success depends on transparent and effective public participation.
- The deadline for each national forest to complete initial Recreation Facility Analysis is extended to December 31, 2008. This extension provides all forests the opportunity to ensure that active public participation is included in each step of the process.

Responsibility for oversight of this Action Plan and any additional guidance needed will be provided by Jim Bedwell, WO Director of Recreation and Heritage Resources. I appreciate your commitment to Recreation Facility Analysis and the importance of transparent and effective public participation.

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Enclosure

