



File Code: 1910

Date: May 19, 2005

Re: North Belts Travel Plan Record of Decision

Dear Interested Party:

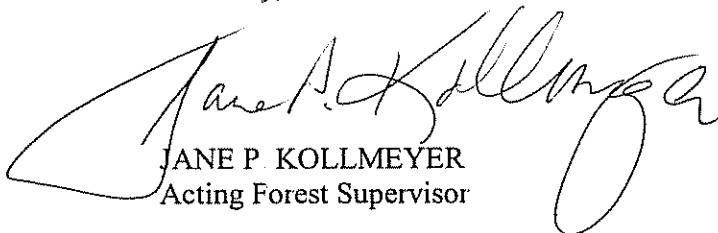
Enclosed is a copy of the North Belts Travel Plan Record of Decision (ROD). This ROD captures my rationale for selecting Alternative 6 as modified by the changes I have identified in the ROD. My decision was based on an extensive review of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS), the accompanying project file, and public input regarding this project. This ROD outlines the activities that will be implemented within the North Belts Travel Plan analysis area, describing which routes will be motorized and which will be non-motorized, what type of use will be allowed on a given route, e.g. motorcycle, what new routes are authorized for construction, what watershed improvement projects will be implemented, which trailheads will be improved, and includes direction as to the type of road closure methods used.

The North Belts Travel Plan FEIS was released for public review in early February 2005. Comments were received on that FEIS and are located in the project file. I considered these comments in reaching my decision and incorporated some of them in the modifications I have made to Alternative 6. I have also determined that there were no new substantive comments that haven't already been addressed earlier in the process.

As with most NEPA decisions, if new information or changed circumstances develop, the information or circumstance will be carefully evaluated to determine if there is a need to change or modify all or part of this decision.

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Beth Ihle, North Belts Travel Plan Team Leader at (406) 266-3425 or me at (406) 449-5201. I appreciate your patience and participation in this effort.

Sincerely,



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Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

