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Dear Mr. Juel:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed on behalf of the WildWest Institute, The Lands Council, and the Selkirk Conservation Alliance regarding the Templeman Hazardous Fuels Reduction Decision Memo (DM) on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.18 to ensure the analysis and decision is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, including your arguments, the information referenced in the Forest Supervisor's November 7, 2006, transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letter provides the specific page references to discussions in the DM and project file, which bear upon your objections. I specifically incorporate in this decision the appeal record, the references and citations contained in the transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and recommends the Forest Supervisor's decision be reversed.

Based upon a review of the references and citations provided by the Forest Supervisor, I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections. I have reviewed the record and have found that it does not clearly show why the potential effects on soils do not result in an extraordinary circumstance.



After careful consideration of the above factors, I reverse the Forest Supervisor's decision to implement the Templeman Hazardous Fuels Reduction project.

My decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathleen A. McAllister
KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER
Appeal Deciding Officer

Enclosures (1)

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