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RE: Appeal No. 03-03-10-0004-A251

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Your Notice of Appeal dated May 12, 2003 references Ranger Miera's April 1, 2003 decision and was assigned the above referenced number.

As per 36 CFR 251.92 (a)(6), the Reviewing Officer shall dismiss an appeal and close the record without a decision on the merits when the Deciding Officer has withdrawn the decision under appeal.

Ranger John Miera has withdrawn his April 1, 2003 decision regarding the Annual Operating Instructions for the Oso/Vallecitos allotment during the 2003 grazing season. Notification of the withdrawal is included in a letter from Ranger Miera to the appellants dated June 5, 2003.

Because the Deciding Officer has withdrawn the decision under appeal, your appeal is dismissed and the record is closed.

I understand there may still be issues that you and Ranger Miera have agreed to resolve in a revised set of Annual Operating Instructions for the Oso/Vallecitos allotment.

If you have any further questions regarding the appeal, please contact Barry Imler at the letterhead address or by phone at (505) 438-7801.

Sincerely,

/s/Gilbert Zepeda
GILBERT ZEPEDA
Acting Forest Supervisor

cc: District Ranger, Espanola Ranger District

