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Dr. Lorene Samoska
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Dear Dr. Samoska:

We have received your appeal of the July 19, 2005, decision approving the update to the Bridgeport Ranger District Travel Management Plan and an amendment to the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management Plan allowing snowmobile use on 7,000 acres near Sonora Pass in Mono County, California. Acting Forest Supervisor Ed Monnig approved the decision.

Regretfully, I must dismiss your appeal without review. The record for this project indicates that you did not provide comments regarding the project during the official comment period. A decision may only be appealed by persons who "submit substantive comments during the comment period." Therefore, pursuant to 36 CFR 215.16(a)(6), I am dismissing your appeal.

This decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the United States Department of Agriculture under 36 CFR 215.18(c).

Questions regarding this appeal should be directed to Priscilla McLain, Regional Appeals and Litigations Coordinator, at (801) 625-5146.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cathrine L. Beaty
CATHRINE L. BEATY
Appeal Deciding Officer

cc:
Acting Forest Supervisor H-T NF (Ed Monnig)

