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Dear Walker Mountain User:

The Crescent Ranger District has completed work on the Walker Mountain Communication Site and Forest Plan Amendment. The Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment is now available. John Allen, Supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest, selected Alternative B.

The decision includes authorizing the Bonneville Power Administration/Department of Energy to dismantle a building and two towers in historic "Zone A". It also allows construction of a new 140 foot tower, a 1,200 square foot two-level building, and an access road in "Zone B". The Walker Mountain Communication Site Plan will be changed by Amendment to the Deschutes National Forest Plan to allow a higher tower and larger building and necessary tree removal.

This action was needed because BPA has been given the responsibility to operate a power transmission system reliably within the five Northwestern states. Walker Mountain is a critical link in this system. In order to ensure they do not interfere with current users and to satisfy demand from the public and industry for telecommunication services, they have sited their facilities downslope and in a larger building with potential for other users to collocate.

All documents are available on the Internet in PDF format at:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/projects/units/crescent/index.shtml>

The 45-day appeal period begins the day after the legal notice of the decision was published in *The Bulletin*, Bend, Oregon, official newspaper of record. The Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Reviewing Officer at:

***Appeal Deciding Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service
Attn. 1570 Appeals, 333 S.W. First Avenue, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623***

Appeals can also be filed electronically at: appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us or hand-delivered to the above address between 7:45 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays. The appeal must be postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the date the legal notice for this decision appears in the Bend Bulletin newspaper. The publication date of the legal notice in the Bend Bulletin newspaper is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal and those wishing to appeal should not rely on dates or timeframes provided by any other source.

Electronic appeals must be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf) or portable document format (.pdf) only. E-mails submitted to e-mail addresses other than the one listed above or in other formats than those listed or containing viruses will be rejected.

It is the responsibility of those who expressed an interest during the comment period and wish to appeal a decision to provide the Regional Forester sufficient written evidence and rationale to



show why the decision should be changed or reversed. The appeal must be filed with the Appeal Deciding Officer (§ 215.8) in writing. At a minimum, an appeal must include the following:

1. Appellant's name and address (§ 215.2), with a telephone number, if available;
2. Signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned\ signature for electronic mail may be filed with the appeal);
3. When multiple names are listed on an appeal, identification of the lead appellant (§ 215.2) and verification of the identity of the lead appellant upon request;
4. The name of the project or activity for which the decision was made, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the date of the decision;
5. The regulation under which the appeal is being filed, when there is an option to appeal under either this part or part 251, subpart C (§ 215.11(d));
6. Any specific change(s) in the decision that the appellant seeks and rationale for those changes;
7. Any portion(s) of the decision with which the appellant disagrees, and explanation for the disagreement;
8. Why the appellant believes the Responsible Official's decision failed to consider the comments and;
9. How the appellant believes the decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy.

Contact Persons

For additional information concerning the specific activities authorized with this decision or documents, you may contact Chris Mickle, Interdisciplinary Team Leader or Scott McBride at the Crescent Ranger District, P.O. Box 208, Crescent, Oregon, 97733; or by phone at (541) 433-3200.

Your interest in the management of the Walker Mountain Communication Site is appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/Holly Jewkes
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District Ranger