Under the authority of Public Law 106-291, as amended, and Public Law 109-54, Title IV, Section 428, that extends the authorization for the Service First Program through Fiscal Year 2008 and the National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) BLM Agreement No. MOU-BLM-WO-850-2006-05; FS Agreement No. NFS-06-MU-11132218-083; and your position as District Ranger/Field Office Manager, you are delegated those authorities and responsibilities covered in the USDI-BLM manual 1203.

You also have dual delegated financial authority to enter into, represent, sign for and expend and obligate BLM and FS funds in the same award document.

BLM responsibilities for the Southern Ute and Mountain Ute tribal lands will continue to be managed by the Public Lands Center. Approval of oil and gas operations will continue to be the responsibility of the BLM in the Public Lands Center. Surface use plans and concurrence prior to approval of oil and gas permits will be obtained from appropriate District Ranger/Field Manager. Authorizations/projects that overlap Ranger District/Field Office boundaries will be coordinated in advance with the involved District Rangers/Field Managers. The dividing line between the Pagosa and Columbine Ranger districts will be the dividing line between the Columbine Ranger District and Pagosa Ranger District as depicted on the San Juan National Forest map of 2005

In carrying out these duties, you must comply with all regulations, policies and labor-management agreements applicable to the BLM lands and BLM employees when exercising BLM authorities. While carrying out BLM authorities, you cannot use legal authorities that are not available to the BLM. The Service First Supervisory handbook is available to you on the internet.

If you have questions about the procedural aspects of exercising the delegation of authority you may contact Forest Supervisor/Center Manager, Mark Stiles

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