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Dear Objector:

This letter is in response to your objection filed on the Elk Smith Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Draft Decision Notice released by Mike Muñoz, District Ranger of the Rocky Mountain District. I have read your objections and reviewed the project record. My review of your objection was conducted in accordance with the administrative review procedures found at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS

The regulations at 36 CFR 218.8 provide for a pre-decisional administrative review process in which the objector provides sufficient narrative description of the project, specific issues related to the project, and suggested remedies that would resolve the objections.

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), I must provide a written response to your objections; however, this response need not be point by point. The review of your objection issues is included as an attachment to this letter and will be posted on the project website.

Based on the objection review, I have instructed the responsible official to clarify in the Elk Smith Supplemental Project Decision Notice that no activities authorized by the decision will result in the establishment of a travel way in the IRA.

CONCLUSION

My review finds that the project complies with all applicable laws and the Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan (1986). The District Ranger may sign the Decision Notice for this project. My review constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture; no further review from any other Forest Service or Department of Agriculture official of my written response to your objection is available [36 CFR 218.11(b)(2)].

Sincerely,

/s/ William Avey
WILLIAM AVEY
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Michael Munoz, Fred Godfrey, Jennifer Woods, Cody Hutchinson, Karen Dunlap, Olga Troxel

