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Rio Grande National Forest

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Dear Friends of the Rio Grande National Forest:

Enclosed are the Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Rio Oxbow Land Exchange Final Environmental Assessment (EA). The Decision Notice documents my decision and rationale to select the "Proposed Action Alternative" analyzed in the EA with modifications.

If you have received this letter and a copy of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact and the EA, you were one of the individuals that provided comments to the EA for Comment.

If you did not receive a copy of the DN, FONSI and the EA, a copy may be obtained at: Rio Grande National Forest, 1803 West Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144, telephone (719) 852-6205. These documents are also posted on the Rio Grande National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/planning/planning.htm.

This Decision is subject to administrative review (appeal) pursuant to Federal Regulations at 36 CFR 215.11. The appeal must be filed within 45 days following the date of publication of legal notice in the *Valley Courier*, the newspaper of record, published in Alamosa, Colorado. Written notices of appeal must be filed with: USDA, Forest Service, Region Two, Attention: Appeal Deciding Officer, P.O. Box 25127, Lakewood, Colorado 80225-0127.

I appreciate your interest and involvement in this project. For more information, please contact Pat Prentice, Acting Realty Specialist, at (719) 852-5941 or by email at pprentice@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Peter L. Clark
PETER L. CLARK
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