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Subject: Northwest Howell Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

To: Interested Party

Dear Interested Party:

I am writing to inform you of my final decision for the Northwest Howell Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. On April 14, 2003, I signed the Record of Decision (ROD) to implement Alternative 2, which is enclosed. The ROD is being sent to those who provided input on the initial scoping document and to those who have requested to receive copies of project proposals and decisions on the Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. Updates and/or corrections to the Draft EIS, are included in the enclosed FEIS. Maps and Appendices from the DEIS have not changed and will not be reissued. Please refer to the original DEIS package for these items. The FEIS in its entirety is available upon request from the Eagle River-Florence Ranger District office at: Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, HC 1 Box 83, Florence, WI 54121. These documents are also available on the Internet at www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html

The ROD explains my rationale for reaching this final decision. I have included a summary of comments received during the 45-day comment period and responses to those comments (Appendix J). Comments received on this public action are part of the public record and therefore, are available for public inspection upon request. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. A written notice of appeal must be submitted within 45 calendar days after the Legal Notice is published in the *Rhineland Daily News*. However, when the 45-day filing period would end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, then filing time is extended to the end of the next Federal working day. The exact date of publication may be obtained by contacting the Daily News at (715) 365-6397.

The Notice of Appeal must be sent to: USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Region, ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer (RFO), 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203. The Notice of Appeal may alternatively be faxed to: 414-297-3127, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Detailed records of the environmental analysis are available for public review at the Eagle River-Florence Ranger District Office.

If you need any additional information, please contact Ted Frank, Interdisciplinary Team Leader at the Florence office at (715) 528-4464 ext. 34.

Sincerely,

/S/ E. B. FITZPATRICK, III
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Enclosures: FEIS
ROD
Responses to Comments

