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Dear Interested Party,

I am writing to inform you of my final decision for the Cayuga Project Environmental Impact Statement. On May 7, 2003, I signed the Record of Decision (ROD) to implement Alternative 5, which is enclosed. The ROD is being sent to those who provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and to those who requested to receive copies of project proposals and decisions on the Great Divide Ranger District. Updates and/or corrections to the Draft EIS, Appendices, and Maps are included in the enclosed FEIS and Appendices documents. 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 in Appendix B. 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 Ashland Daily Press, which is expected to be on May 14th. However, should the 45-day filing period end on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday, the 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 Press at (715) 682-2313.

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 Great Divide Ranger District Office in Hayward, Wisconsin.

If you need any additional information, please contact Debra Sigmund, Interdisciplinary Team Leader at the Hayward office at (715) 634-4821.

Sincerely,

/s/ Barry Paulson
BARRY PAULSON
District Ranger

Enclosures: Cayuga Project Final Environmental Impact Statement and Appendices
Cayuga Project Record of Decision

