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Dear Interested Party:

I am writing to inform you of my decision for the McCaslin Project Environmental Impact Statement. On September 29, 2003, I signed the Record of Decision (ROD) (enclosed) to implement Alternative 5. The ROD is being sent to those who provided comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and those who requested to receive copies of project proposals and decisions on the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. The ROD explains my rationale for reaching this decision. Since I made only minor changes to the DEIS, they have been handled in the enclosed Errata statement and Appendix I. Appendix I provides agency responses to comments received on the DEIS. Together with the DEIS, these form the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the McCaslin Project. These documents are also available on the Internet at www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html.

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 Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, which is expected during the week of September 29. 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 Journal-Sentinel at (414) 224-2000.

The Notice of Appeal must be sent to: USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700, Milwaukee, WI 53202. The Notice of Appeal may alternatively be faxed to: 414-297-3808, 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 Lakewood Ranger Station in Lakewood, Wisconsin.

If you need any additional information, please contact John Lampereur, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the Lakewood office at (715) 276-6333.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

