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Ms. Lisa Wood
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Subject: Categorical Exclusion/ Mission Ridge Expansion Area Temporary Road

Dear Ms. Wood:

The Mission Ridge Expansion Area Temporary Road project to conduct a geologic risk assessment was determined to be a NEPA compliance Categorical Exclusion. The actions of this project do not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment.

Categorical Exclusions:

FSH 1909.15, Chapter 32.12 (8) Approval, modification or continuation of minor, short term special uses of NFS lands, 36 CFR 220.6(d)(8) for the issuance of a special use permit for a term of 1 year

36 CFR 220.6(e) (8) Short-term (1 year or less) mineral, energy, or geophysical investigations and their incidental support activities that may require cross-country travel by vehicles and equipment, construction of less than 1 mile of low standard road, or use and minor repair of existing road.

Decision Memo signed 12/15/2017

Mitigation:

Mission Ridge shall be solely responsible for providing and maintaining necessary erosion control facilities to comply with applicable erosion control regulations and to maintain clean access routes for the construction of temporary access road and drilling of test pits.

In the event, the geologic assessment finds that the area is not feasible for an access road, the temporary road would be decommissioned and rehabilitated by covering with organic material, seeded using native species and drainage features would be installed as necessary.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Rivera at jrivera02@fs.fed.us or 509-548-2550.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Rivera
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