On September 27, 2006, Bend /Fort Rock District Ranger Phil Cruz made a decision to issue a communications lease that will allow RCC Atlantic, Inc. (RCC) to construct, operate and maintain a building and tower at the Wampus Butte communications site. Activities will include constructing an 8’x14.5’ building on concrete piers. The 60’ self supporting lattice tower will be placed on a 9’x9’ concrete slab. No trees will be removed. The project area is located on Wampus Butte in Township 22 South, Range 10 East, Section 2, Willamette Meridian. Wampus Butte is located approximately 6 miles northwest of La Pine, Oregon.

RCC is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide 850MHz frequency wireless telecommunications service for the central Oregon region. RCC is currently located in the building and on the tower owned by Oregon State Police (OSP). Both RCC and OSP need to add indoor electronic equipment and tower mounted antennas. This project will allow them both to meet their needs.

The scoping period closed on May 5, 2006. This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36CFR 215. For further information concerning this decision, contact Linda Carlson, Special Uses Administrator, at the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, 1230 N.E. 3rd Street, A262, Bend, OR 97701 or via telephone at (541) 383-4000. The project can also be viewed at the Deschutes National Forest website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/index.