



File Code: 1570

Date: September 5, 2013

Mr. Dick Artley
415 NE 2nd Street
Grangeville, ID 83530

Dear Mr. Artley:

This is in regard to the appeal you filed on the Big Thorne Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (No. 13-10-00-0002 A215). The ROD was signed by the Tongass Forest Supervisor, Forrest Cole.

While your appeal refers to comments you submitted on the Big Thorne project, the Forest Supervisor has indicated there is no documentation in the Big Thorne project record that you submitted these comments during the comment period. As stated in Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215.13(a) and in the October 26, 2012, legal notice for the project, only those individuals and organizations who submitted comments during the 45-day comment period for a specific project may appeal that project. Therefore, I am required to dismiss your appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.16(a)(6).

As a courtesy, I will send you a copy of my decision in response to the other appeals I received on the Big Thorne project. The decision is due by September 30, 2013.

My decision to dismiss your appeal is the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture with regard to your appeal (36 CFR 215.18(c)).

Sincerely,

/s/ Beth G. Pendleton
BETH G. PENDLETON
Regional Forester

cc: Forrest Cole
Rachelle Huddleston-Lorton
Frank W Roberts
Katie Benning

