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### Cement Project Area Decision Reissued

Black Hills National Forest Deputy Supervisor Brad Exton signed a decision on the Cement Project Area on February 20, 2004. The decision is substantially the same as the decisions issued last year and subsequently withdrawn due to procedural errors. Differences include reduced road construction and modification of road management near Cement Ridge. The Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact is enclosed. Discussion of information that has become available since the previous decisions were made is also attached.

The Cement Environmental Assessment has not been changed and is not being redistributed to those who already received a copy. The Environmental Assessment, Appendices, Decision Notice, and Finding of No Significant Impact are available on request (hardcopy or CD) and can be found online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/projects/nepa>.

The appeal period for this decision will begin when the legal notice is published in the Rapid City Journal. I expect the notice to be published on or about February 26, 2004. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Krueger of my staff at the above address.

Thank you for your interest in management of the Black Hills National Forest.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Steven J. Kozel*

STEVEN J. KOZEL  
District Ranger

Enclosures:

Cement Decision Notice

Cement Environmental Assessment – Additional Information

