



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Apache-Sitgreaves
National Forests

P.O. Box 640
Springerville, AZ 85938-0640
(520) 333-4301 FAX: 333-6357
TTY: (520) 333-6292

File Code: 1570

Date: March 29, 2001

Jay L. Shapiro
Fenmore Craig Law Offices
3003 North Central Ave. Suite 2600
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2913

CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

On January 10, 2001, the Forest Guardians appealed the decision of Springerville District Ranger, John MacIvor on the Sheep Springs and Beehive Allotments. This appeal was filed under CFR215.14 and has been under review by the Regional Forester (per the regulations). On March 17 the Regional Forester remanded the decision of Ranger MacIvor for the following reasons:

“The decision is not consistent with policy, direction, and supporting evidence. The procedural requirements of NEPA have not been satisfied. The Decision Notice included several modifications of the selected alternative (alt.2), which were not analyzed or disclosed in the EA, or the project record. These modifications include adding three pastures from another allotment to the grazing strategy and adjusting the grazing season to allow a June 1, rather that a July 1 entry date. In addition the environmental effects on several MIS and sensitive were not disclosed in the EA.”

Since the decision has been vacated your CFR251 appeal filed on behalf of the Sheep Spring Sheep company will be set aside. Please feel free to contact Mike Rising, of my staff, reference any questions regarding this matter at (520) 333-4301.

Sincerely,

/s/ John C. Bedell
JOHN C. BEDELL
Forest Supervisor

cc:
Sheep Springs Sheep Company
Springerville District Ranger

