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Date: October 30, 1997

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CERTIFIED MAIL--
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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RE: Sunspot Salvage Project Appeal #97-03-00-0058-A215
Lincoln National Forest

Dear Mr. Segee:

On October 30, 1997, I received notification from the Sacramento District Ranger that he has withdrawn his decision of August 1, 1997 to implement the Sunspot Salvage Project. I have enclosed a copy of his decision.

I hereby dismiss your appeal without completing my review and close our record on this appeal (36 CFR 215.15(a)(6)). Any new decision of the Sunspot Salvage Project will be subject to appeal.

This action constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gilbert Vigil
GILBERT VIGIL
Appeal Deciding Officer
Acting Deputy Regional Forester, Resources

Enclosure

cc:
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Subject: Appeal to Sunspot Salvage Project

To: Regional Forester, R-3

I am withdrawing my Decision Memo published in the Alamogordo Daily News on August 1, 1997. My withdrawal moots Appeal 97-03-000058-215 which is presently before you.

This withdrawal is based on my concern that the Sunspot project remains an issue. I want to give additional consideration to this situation to ensure that the use of commercial timber harvesting remains a valid tool to address forest health, fuels, and wildlife habitat needs which are prevalent on the Sacramento Ranger District.

I will reconsider actions necessary to fully clarify concerns such as forest health, fuels, and wildlife habitat issues in the Sunspot area.

/s/ Max E. Goodwin
MAX E. GOODWIN
District Ranger

cc:

Appellants
Mike Hess
Jose Martinez, SO
Don DeLorenzo, SO
Ron Hannan, SO
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