



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

**Forest
Service**

**Prescott
National Forest**

**344 South Cortez Street
Prescott, Arizona 86303**

File Code: 1570/2810

Date: March 12, 1998

**Leo Crowley, Attorney
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RE: CHRIS STALNAKER/APPEAL OF MAY 27, 1997 ORDER

Dear Mr. Crowley:

On September 26, 1997, I informed you that I was suspending action on the referenced appeal, pending a third party evaluation of the situation. Enclosed is a copy of the Arizona Deputy Mine Inspector's professional evaluation which addresses our conflicting concerns which were the subject of the appeal.

Also enclosed is District Ranger Del Rio's letter which transmitted the third party evaluation to my office. You will note that he withdrew his request for an amendment to the Plan of Operation at the Navy Mill as outlined in his letter of May 27, 1997, to Chris Stalnakar, based upon the evaluation. His withdrawal of the decision moots the appeal; therefore, we are dismissing the appeal and closing our files on this matter.

I trust that in the future, Mr. Stalnakar and the District Ranger will be able work together on the ground to allow legitimate mining operations to occur while providing maximum protection to the natural resources.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. King
MICHAEL R. KING
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Bradshaw R.D.
Chris Stalnakar w/ encl.

