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Dear Interested Party,

I have signed the Goat Mountain Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits Project decision notice/finding of no significant impact, which provides consent to the BLM to issue two hardrock mineral prospecting permit applications on National Forest System lands. My decision is based on the environmental assessment (EA) No. DOI-BLM-ORWA-0000-2016-0001-EA; and follows a 45-day pre-decisional administrative review (objection) process. The signed decision notice/finding of no significant impact, EA, and supporting documents are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46996>. The BLM's website for the project is at <http://1.usa.gov/1NFp1eT>.

I have selected Alternative 4: Drill Site Riparian Reserve Avoidance. This alternative was newly designed and analyzed in the modified EA, as a result of litigation of the original decision. Alternative 4 provides Forest Service consent with specified and recommended conditions, and notices to best address the balance between resource use and resource protection, with an emphasis on the protection of riparian reserves.

Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Charlie Sharp, Environmental Coordinator, at charlesmsharp@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your interest and involvement in the management of your National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,



GAR ABBAS
District Ranger

