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RE: Appeal of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Leech Lake River Resource Management Project Environmental Assessment, Walker and Marcell/Deer River Ranger Districts, Chippewa National Forest, Appeal 04-09-03-0031 A215

Dear Mr. Pasko:

I received your timely Notice of Appeal dated August 2, 2004, on behalf of the Sierra Club, North Star Chapter, of District Ranger Thomas G. Somrak's June 17, Decision Notice for the Leech Lake River Project, Walker and Marcell/Deer River Ranger Districts, Chippewa National Forest. Subsequently, you were sent District Ranger Thomas Somrak's letter describing the agreement that came out of the informal resolution meeting held August 10 between representatives of the Sierra Club and the Chippewa National Forest.

As a result, I have received a copy of your letter also dated August 30, signed by yourself representing the Sierra Club Appellants Joshua Davis and Heather Raftery, stating that after discussions with the Chippewa National Forest personnel through the informal resolution process, an agreement has been reached and the Appellants have withdrawn their appeal. As a result of the appeal being withdrawn, I have closed the appeal record without a decision on the merits of your appeal, 36 CFR 215.16(d)(1). Thank you for working with the personnel on the Chippewa National Forest to find a mutually agreeable resolution to your concerns with this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Norman L. Wagoner
NORMAN L. WAGONER
Forest Supervisor/ Appeal Deciding Officer

cc: Thomas Somrak, Christine Brunner, Sharon Klinkhammer, Patricia Rowell

