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Dear Interested Citizen,

The Mt. Hood National Forest has just completed an Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact for the Developed Recreation Site Concessionaire Permit project. Based on my review of the alternatives, it is my decision to select **Alternative B**, the Proposed Action. My decision groups 28 previously Forest Service-managed campgrounds and day use sites with other recreational facilities (that have been successfully operated by concessionaires for many years) and issues a new concession special use permit for the operation and maintenance of all the aforementioned developed recreation sites. Though my decision results in an operational and administrative change, it does not authorize any substantial ground-disturbing activities or any major modifications to the current facilities. Minor ground-disturbing activities that are approved in my decision will be limited to routine operations and maintenance actions, such as replacing campfire rings or the repair of gravel parking areas. All of the developed campgrounds and day use sites would continue to be managed under existing, pertinent Forest Service policies and regulations.

I have heard from a diverse group of people who use and care about the Forest, and I understand that many feel strongly about this project. My decision to implement Alternative B keeps all of the sites open for public use and enjoyment; provides safe, clean, affordable, functional facilities; and operates the sites in a more cost efficient manner.

The Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice can be downloaded from the Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/projects>. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Any individual or organization that submitted comments or expressed interest during the comment period may appeal. Any appeal of this decision must be in writing and fully consistent with the content requirements described in 36 CFR 215.14. The Appeal Deciding Officer is the Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region. An appeal should be addressed to the Regional Forester at any of the following addresses. For postal delivery, mail to: Regional Forester, Appeal Deciding Officer, USDA Forest Service, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208. The street location for those submitting hand-delivered appeals is 333 SW First Ave., Portland, OR. The office hours are 8-4:30 M-F, excluding holidays. For fax, send to 503-808-2339. Appeals may be emailed to: [appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Emails submitted to email addresses other than the one listed above, or in formats other than those listed, or containing viruses, will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the appellant to confirm receipt of appeals submitted by electronic mail. The appeal, including attachments, must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the date of the legal notice for the project. For further information regarding appeal procedures, contact the Forest Environmental Coordinator Michelle Lombardo at 503-668-1796.

Sincerely,

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