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Dear Interested Party:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Kootenai National Forest (KNF) have signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Troy Mine Revised Reclamation Plan. You may obtain electronic versions of these documents by accessing either the Montana DEQ's web site at <http://deq.mt.gov/eis.mcp> or by accessing the KNF's web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kootenai/projects>. You may request a hard copy document or an electronic document by contacting either of the agency contacts below.

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The responsible officials for the KNF and Montana DEQ have decided to approve amendments to the Troy Mine's existing Plans of Operations. They have selected the Agency Mitigated Alternative. The Agency Mitigated Alternative specifies adit closure, mine water management, water treatment and monitoring, reclamation cover requirements, subsidence monitoring, debris disposal, and road closures with the purpose of returning lands disturbed by mining to a condition appropriate for subsequent use of the area. Alternatives considered in detail included a No Action Alternative (the previously approved 1978 reclamation plan), the Proposed Action (Troy Mine, Inc.'s Revised Reclamation Plan), and the Agency-Mitigated Alternative.

Decisions based upon the Final EIS are described in the ROD. The decision is subject to administrative review pursuant to the Notice, Comment and Appeal Procedures for National Forest System Projects and Activities found at 36 CFR 215. The timeframe for the 45 day administrative appeal period begins after publication of the legal notice in the paper of record for the Kootenai National Forest, the *Daily Inter Lake*.

Sincerely,

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