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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
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Subject: Review of the Final Revised Forest Plan and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Chippewa and Superior National Forests, Beltrami, Cass, Itasca, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, Minnesota (ER 03/0427)

The Forest Service has provided the Department with one CD-ROM copy of the final EIS for the subject project.

The final statement contains the Department's letter dated **July 25, 2003**. Further comment by Interior is not required unless the document is found to have a serious omission or deficiency in areas where we have jurisdiction or special expertise. The Final Revised Forest Plan and the Final EIS are posted at the Chippewa National Forest and the Superior National Forest websites, respectively, at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/chippewa> and <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior>

Since this Office has only one CD-ROM, it will be retained in this Office. Bureaus may borrow it if internet access is not available.

Comments, if any, should be transmitted through channels to arrive in this Office by **September 3, 2004**.

Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to this Office.

/s/ 8/24/04
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