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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
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Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, Geological Survey
Director, National Park Service
Director, Office of Surface Mining
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
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Subject: Review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Phase II Amendment, Black Hills National Forest, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington Counties, South Dakota and Crook and Weston Counties, Wyoming
(ER 04/697)(Agency due date: **December 15, 2004**)

The Forest Service has requested the Department to review the Draft EIS for the subject project.

The Draft EIS is available on the Black Hills National Forest web page at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/blackhills/projects/planning/>.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the document from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in Denver, Colorado by **November 29, 2004**.

The Regional Director, FWS will prepare the comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Denver, Colorado by **December 7, 2004**. Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to the REO.

A related review is under: ER01/1083 (NOI).

/s/ 9/17/04
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