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Patricia A. Grantham, Forest Supervisor
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Attn: Big Pony Project

Subject: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Big Pony Project, Siskiyou County,
California (CEQ# 20110159)

Dear Ms. Grantham:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Big Pony Project. Our review and comments are pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA previously reviewed the Draft EIS for the Big Pony Project and provided comments on October 25, 2010. We rated the Draft EIS as Lack of Objections – LO, based on our concerns regarding the need for additional information about air quality emissions. We thank the Forest Service for addressing all of EPA's comments, including providing additional information regarding the project's general conformity requirements.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Final EIS. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact Stephanie Skophammer, the lead reviewer for the project. Stephanie can be reached at (415) 972-3098 or skophammer.stephanie@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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