

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

I have determined that issuance of the Goat Mountain Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits does not constitute a major Federal action having a significant effect on the human environment; an environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared. This conclusion is based on my consideration of the Council on Environmental Quality's criteria for significance (40 CFR § 1508.27(b)), as summarized above, with regard to impacts analyzed for Alternative 4 in the MEA, the USFS's consent decision, my understanding of the project, my review of Project assessment in the MEA, and my consideration of the public comments received. The analysis of effects documented in the MEA has been completed within the context of multiple spatial and temporal scales and within the context of the GPNF Plan, as amended and the specific plans and program guidance listed above.

Signature: 

Title: Chief, Branch of Land Mineral and Energy Resources, Oregon State Office

Date: December 3, 2018