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Dear Travis,

I have been informed by Brian Mills at the Department of Energy (DOE), that you have been authorized to begin preparations for additional surveys and analysis for the Northern Pass project. It is my understanding even though Northern Pass has not yet submitted a revised proposal; a crossing of the White Mountain National Forest is still anticipated for any future proposal.

In order to facilitate your authorized work you have requested to meet with our resource specialist to discuss anticipated survey and analysis needs. I would ask that you coordinate these discussions with our Forest Planner, Stacy Lemieux. She will ensure that our resource specialists are involved at right points in the process and that they understand the Forest Service's role in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Northern Pass project.

It is my understanding that your work is currently focused on the route originally proposed by the project proponent. I feel it is important to note that resource surveys and subsequent analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement must include a consideration of all reasonable alternatives. This was discussed with the project proponent in my letter of February 16, 2011, (copy enclosed) when I accepted their application consistent with the Forest Service screening process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas G. Wagner
THOMAS G. WAGNER
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Brian Mills

