



TO: Southern Rockies National Forest Supervisors
Colorado and Wyoming Ecological Services Offices

From: Deputy Regional Forester, Resources, Rocky Mountain Region
Colorado Field Supervisor
Wyoming Field Supervisor

MEMORANDUM

We are pleased to provide you with this Implementation Guide to the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment (SRLA). This Guide is the culmination of a noteworthy interagency and interdisciplinary cooperative venture over the past few months. A Guide that provided clarification, guidance, and other tools to help with interpreting and understanding the many parts of this broad, programmatic decision was originally recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service in the Biological Opinion and accepted by the Regional Forester in his October 28, 2008, decision. Your staffs were instrumental in helping shape the format and content of this Guide, either serving on the development team or providing critical input and reviews of early drafts. This version of the Guide was substantially improved by this ongoing input and feedback from the field.

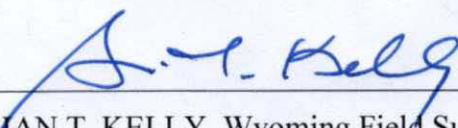
We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to the interagency Implementation Guide team for their dedication and commitment to this project. The team members had to absorb this task into already busy schedules, and, from the outset, embraced the challenge to create a suite of tools that would most help the field in practical and consistent interpretation and implementation of this complex decision, as well as expediting project interagency consultations. Team members worked under an accelerated timeline understanding the importance of getting such a Guide to the field as soon as possible. We believe they have done an admirable job and hope you agree that this Guide will be a valuable reference for use in our offices for years to come.

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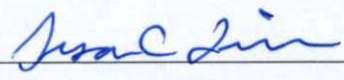
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This Guide is intended to be a dynamic tool that was designed in binder format specifically to permit replacement and addition of materials over time as important new information comes in about lynx, agency policies, and lessons learned from implementation of the decision in the field. You and your staffs are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback, questions and suggestions for the Guide and its content to our respective Regional Office and Field Offices.


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