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Mr. Matt Millenbach  
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Bureau of Land Management  
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Dear Mr. Millenbach:

Enclosed are a map and a form to apply for an application for withdrawal for the Big Ice Cave, located in the Pryor Mountains on the Custer National Forest. It is our understanding that Public Land Order 6119 (M 29832), which originally withdrew the area on February 5, 1982, has expired and we are required to file a new application for a withdrawal.

The withdrawal is to prevent mineral entry under the General Mining Laws and to avoid mining activities that could conflict with the preservation of a unique geologic and hydrologic formation with important cultural and recreational values.

We are currently working on the environmental analysis. Once the public comment period is completed, we will finalize and forward our recommendation along with the necessary documentation.

The Bureau of Land Management is authorized to use the Forest Service's Federal Register billing address code in connection with publishing the withdrawal application. The billing code is 3410-11.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ron Erickson at (406) 329-3623.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

GARY A. MORRISON  
Director of Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage and Wilderness

cc: Custer NF



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