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SENT VIA FACSIMILE &amp; FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: Lot 8 and Warrant 3672 Timber Removal

Dear Ms. Marten:

On Monday, April 28, 2008, I met with Rangers Scardina and Fallon, in the field, to view the Lot 8 and Warrant 3672 timber situations. At each parcel we discussed the unique situations, we agreed on decking locations, and worked through all of the Rangers' concerns regarding the Notices to Proceed. The Rangers advised me that Mr. Cotterman will be the Forest Service representative on both projects.

From the discussions with the Rangers and Mr. Cotterman, I understand the Rangers were out of town yesterday and today but will be signing the agreements tomorrow for delivery to Duhring this week. I also understand the Rangers plan to issue the Notices to Proceed this week.

In re-reading your letter of March 26, 2008, I see that you also make reference to an "Operating Plan." I do not believe I am familiar with this document.

In the meantime I have made arrangements with two different independent contractors to cut, skid and deck the timber. Those crews are ready to begin work immediately.

Therefore, I inquire about the following:

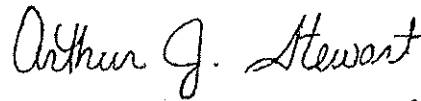
1. Do you foresee any circumstance which will delay the issuance of the Notices to Proceed beyond the end of this week?

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2. What is the Operating Plan, what is your timeframe for issuing the same, and what do you require from Duhring with respect to the Operating Plan?

Please understand that in making this inquiry, Duhring is not acknowledging that the Forest Service has authority to dictate terms in the form of Notices to Proceed or Operating Plans. However, I make this inquiry so that we can schedule our work crews and so that we can minimize the significant delays we are already suffering.

Very truly yours,



Arthur J. Stewart

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