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Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am writing to you in response to your letter dated March 26, 2008, whereby you informed the Forest Service that Duhring Resource Company (Duhring) would like to begin cutting, decking and skidding the timber on Warrant 3672 located in Jenks Township, Forest County, PA, on or after March 31, 2008. In addition, you informed me that Duhring may cut, skid and deck the timber on Lot 8 located in Sheffield Township, Warren County, PA, after Duhring's Warrant 3672 project has been implemented.

Before any timber can be cut on Warrant 3672 or Lot 8, Duhring needs to work with the Marienville District Ranger regarding the Warrant 3672 proposal and the Bradford District Ranger regarding the Lot 8 proposal as outlined in my February 22, 2008, and March 12, 2008, letters. They will assign personnel to work with you to ensure agreements for felling, skidding, and decking the timber are in place prior to any activities occurring on the ground. A signed Notice to Proceed and Operating Plan from the Marienville Ranger District for the Warrant 3672 proposal and from the Bradford Ranger District for the Lot 8 proposal would be finalized after each agreement is signed.

This letter constitutes formal notice to you, your agents and employees that entry upon, and removal of, timber from National Forest System lands requires the express prior written approval of the Forest Service. Failure to do so is a violation of both federal and state law and federal regulation. In this regard, your considered attention is directed to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1853, 16 U.S.C. 551, 36 CFR Part 261 and 42 PA Cons. Stat. Ann. 8311, which, along with other provisions of the law, are applicable to the unauthorized removal of timber from the National Forest.

Sincerely,

LEANNE M. MARTEN
Forest Supervisor

cc: Tony Scardina
Rob Fallon

