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Dear Mr. Stewart,

This letter is in response to your letter dated November 21, 2007, concerning the timber contract for your Lot 8 project. You indicated that the timber volumes stated in the contract are inaccurate. I have checked with staff on the Forest, and I am confident that the timber volumes identified in the contract are accurate. If you would like, I can have my staff field verify the timber volume once again. However, please be aware that the earliest my staff will be available to do this work will be sometime in January 2008.

The responsibility to remove the timber for an Oil and Gas Development lies with the operator. However, I do recognize the need for the timber to be removed. The timber was originally offered to Highland Forest Products who is currently under contract with the Allegheny National Forest for the sale area that Lot 8 is within. They declined to purchase the timber because they felt the area would be difficult to log and their logging crews would be better utilized elsewhere. If the timber purchaser that you are currently working with is unwilling to purchase the timber, I recommend utilizing one of the many other timber purchasers operating on the Forest.

If you would prefer to have the timber volumes revisited please provide my office with any and all information you have showing the discrepancies with the timber volumes. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Scardina FOR

ANTHONY V. SCARDINA
District Ranger

cc: Kathleen Morse, James Seyler, Lois Demarco, Jim Campbell

