

**Allegheny National Forest
Bradford Ranger District**

Record of Communication

Who: District Ranger, Anthony V. Scardina, and Arthur Stewart of Duhring Resources

Date: Exact date not recorded. Estimated date is August 27 – 31, 2007.

Subject: Telephone Conversation

During the final stages of completing the Lot 8 package, Arthur Stewart left a voicemail message stating that he was ready to begin timber harvesting and that the purchaser was ready to proceed immediately. I returned his call that day and left a message on his voicemail to call me back so that I could explain how he could expedite the timber sale contract and notice to proceed process.

While waiting for Mr. Stewart to return my call, I convened our timber staff to review the process in order to clearly explain to Mr. Stewart how to expedite the process. We later convened in my office to call Mr. Stewart and convey the message. When Mr. Stewart answered the phone he immediately began yelling uncontrollably about me using the word "expedite" after he has supposedly waited so long for the process to be completed. I yelled back, telling him that he can either listen to me or I could end the call. He settled down, and a specialist on my staff began to explain how it is faster for him to deal with the contract by hand and then wire the money, rather than waiting to receive the contract by mail, mail the contract back to the Forest Service, wait for the signed contract from the Forest Service to be returned via mail, and then pay via mail. This is the normal process when operators are not in a hurry to complete the process.

Once Mr. Stewart understood the process, everything was complete within 2 days or less. It was a harsh reaction when I was simply trying to help Mr. Stewart move forward with his development and is a common example of his behavior with me and my staff.