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Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 29, 2008, regarding removal of the cut, skid and decked timber in Lot 8.

As of the date of this letter, the timber that was cut, skid and decked in Lot 8 is being appraised to advertise for sale within the next two weeks. The contract intends to stipulate a forwarder-only removal on the access route (a skidder may be determined as the better option on some segments), with the option of using trucks to remove timber on the portion of the access route that you will be placing stone as specified in your September 29th letter. The reason for the distinction is due to the fact that without stone, the remaining culverts and soft area (south of well D-24) will not be able to facilitate truck haul. A skidder may be required to assist with manipulating log decks to facilitate product removal.

The designated haul route will be Forest Road 148. The contract will specify that any damages occurring on the road due to timber removal be fixed by the purchaser prior to closing out the contract. The contract will afford the ANF the authority to coordinate the timber removal activities with your oil and gas operations. I will notify you should we fail to receive a responsive bid on the decked timber.

I understand, per your letter and our previous conversations that you are open to the timber purchaser hauling the timber out in a counter-clockwise direction versus utilizing Forest Road 148. Any deviation from the designated haul route, Forest Road 148, is something that may be worked out between you and the purchaser if so desired.

Finally, if you could please provide a map identifying the culverts and areas you plan to stone it would be greatly appreciated. This would help ensure we have accurate information in appraising the timber and facilitate our finalization of the timber sale contract for advertisement.

If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Robert A. Scardina FOR

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