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SENT BY FACSIMILE

Mr. Anthony Scardina
Allegheny National Forest
Bradford Ranger District
29 Forest Service Drive
Bradford, PA 16701

RE: Lot 7

Dear Mr. Scardina:

Duhring needs to begin operations on Lot 7 immediately. We have had our contractor working on unnecessary wells, on private property, in Forest County. We met with the contractor yesterday; that project will be completed this Thursday. If our contractor does not move to Lot 7 we will lose his services. Equally important, the Forest Service has so delayed our Lot 7 project that I do not know how we will complete it, and our other projects, before bad weather arrives.

Duhring has permits for 15 wells on Lot 7. The ANF has elected to remove the timber at 12 of those locations via its contract with Mr. Al Smith. We visited those 12 locations, yesterday afternoon, and learned that none of them are yet cleared of all timber. Mr. Smith's employee is harvesting some species, but is leaving all of the cherry trees standing. We understand Mr. Smith will be coming in, later, to cut the cherry trees himself.

The ANF proposes to sell the trees on the other three locations to Duhring; Duhring can then remove those trees. Last week Duhring signed and mailed the contract for the trees on those three locations; Duhring is ready to pay the timber bill immediately upon receipt of same. This morning, Duhring located a purchaser for the timber, on those three locations, who can move in tomorrow morning and remove those trees by this Friday. That will enable Duhring to move our excavation contractor to Lot 7. If the timber purchaser does not move in this afternoon, the purchaser will be moving to another job of about a week's duration.

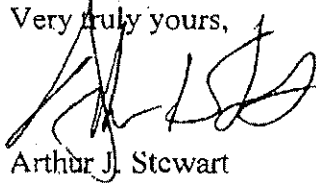
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Three weeks ago the Forest Service promised me that Duhring would have the notice to proceed for Lot 7 (as well as Lots 8 and 9) by August 31, 2007. It is now a week and a half later, with no notices to proceed. I will need an affirmative response by 3:30 PM today in order to have the timber purchaser move to Lot 7. That response will need to be the timber bill and the authorization to proceed. The timber purchaser is aware of the Forest Service's threats of criminal prosecution; the purchaser will not proceed without the written authorization.

I appreciate this is a short time frame. However, I am improvising, in an effort to respond to the Forest Service's failures and delays.

I will telephone you to make sure you have received this letter.

Very truly yours,



Arthur J. Stewart

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c: Ms. Kathleen Morse (via facsimile)