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Dear Mr. Stewart,

I am in receipt of your letters dated September 19, 2008, and September 29, 2008, regarding the Warrant 3672 timber removal. [I should clarify that the 9/29 letter was actually dated 9/19 (I believe erroneously), but was received first by fax on 9/29, and then by mail on 9/30.]

Per our telephone conversation on the morning of 9/30/08, the Forest Service is going to try and accommodate your proposal of a 4-6 week period to remove the timber you cut, skid, and decked on Warrant 3672. We propose to finalize an appraisal of the decked timber the week of October 6, and offer the timber for sale with a 7-day advertisement. This sale will stipulate a skidder/forwarder sale, with a new deck located adjacent to the Yost property, where it will be accessible to load onto logging trucks. We will advertise removal of timber located on 16 deck locations, as well as any remnants of blowdown trees your field crew cut and moved to facilitate access to your well pads.

I will notify you should we fail to receive a responsive bid on the decked timber.

On a separate matter, I want to thank you for your cooperation with our inquiry into the unauthorized access to National Forest lands by your well-plugging contractor, S&T Service and Supply. We continue to work with this contractor to better understand the circumstances surrounding this unauthorized access, which appears to include motor vehicle operation on a closed Forest Service road, damage to trees, and construction of a road. They may not continue with their well-plugging operation on your subsurface ownership until this matter is successfully resolved. We will keep you apprised of developments as they occur.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert T. Fallon
ROBERT T. FALLON
District Ranger

