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Dear Mr. Stewart:

This is in response to your March 28, 2008, letter regarding Lot 8 and Warrant 3672 timber removal.

As previously noted in my letters, on March 1, 2008, Duhring filed an Amended Complaint in its existing lawsuit against the Forest Service and various Forest Service employees as individuals. Among other changes, that Amended Complaint added allegations challenging the Forest Service's valuation of the timber with respect to Lot 8 and Warrant 3672. Since this is now a part of the ongoing litigation case, it is inappropriate for me to comment further or provide any other correspondence regarding the issue of the timber purchase price and/or compensation.

The main issue, however, raised in your March 28, 2008, letter is the perception that my position had changed regarding the removal of timber between my February 22, 2008, March 12, 2008, and March 26, 2008, letters. My position has not changed. As outlined in all three letters, to pursue the removal of timber on Lot 8 and Warrant 3672 you must work with the respective District Rangers. They are prepared to assign personnel to work with you to facilitate the process.

Even though you have had this information, you seem to not want to make this contact directly. As such, in an effort to facilitate this process, I have personally notified both District Ranger Scardina and District Ranger Fallon today (Monday, March 31, 2008) and asked that they contact you immediately and set up a meeting to begin the process for moving forward.

Sincerely,

LEANNE M. MARTEN
Forest Supervisor

