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Dear Arthur,

I am in receipt of your letter of December 5, 2008. I appreciate your noting in your letter that Shetler Lumber, as the purchaser of National Forest timber, has no contract requirements to Duhring, nor does it require Duhring's approval to proceed. I should have more appropriately stated that the Forest Service will coordinate with both Shetler Lumber and Duhring Resources to assure a clear understanding of the circumstances under which timber will be removed from Warrant 3672, to assure that resources and improvements are protected, and to assure that all parties are in open communication.

That said, I am in receipt of a letter (dated 12/22/08) from Ben Harvey of Shetler Lumber to Randy Durner, Forest Service Contracting Officer in Warren, stating that Shetler Lumber agrees to "and will abide by all of the conditions" that I had detailed to you in my December 3, 2008 letter. Further, I understand that Dave Cotterman discussed with you by phone on December 22 the contents of this letter, and that you gave your verbal concurrence. Mr. Durner has mailed the necessary paperwork to Shetler to formalize the contract extension and conditions. Once this is finalized, I will have Mr. Durner forward a copy to you so you have full knowledge of the conditions under which Shetler will be operating.

Mr. Cotterman will continue to keep you informed of developments, and consult with you when it appears that conditions are good for proceeding with the timber removal.

My best wishes to you, your staff and your family for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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

