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USDA Forest Service
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Dear Randy:

I would like to request an extension of the OGM Case 595 Deck Timber Sale contract. We have only had two days suitable to operate since the contract was executed. The third day, that we attempted to operate; it was too wet and has been ever since.

Dave Cotterman, Arthur Stewart, and I met at the job location November 6, 2008. Although, we all came to the agreement that a pre-hauler would probably do more damage to the roads than a log truck, Mr. Cotterman informed us that he would probably not be able to get approval for the use of the trucks again. Also, the proposed skid trail that would be used by a pre-hauler does not look very suitable for this time of the year. The trail is rutted from previous use, and there is an area 30'-40' long that has become very wet due to an old culvert pipe being plugged.

I have learned that there are some issues between the Forest Service and Duhring Resources that we were unaware of, prior to purchasing this timber. Shetler Lumber Company has been put in to a very difficult situation because of this matter. We would like more than anyone to remove this timber very quickly; however, we are going into the wrong time of the year to do this. It is unlikely that we will be able to operate in a manner that will keep Mr. Stewart satisfied before the end of the year. The only solution that I see to this problem is to remove the timber during January and February during frozen conditions.

Also, I would like to request that we be permitted to take log trucks to the piles during dry or frozen conditions. Mr. Cotterman, Mr. Stewart, and I all agreed on November 6, 2008, that at this time, the trucks would do less damage to the roads and banks than a pre-hauler. This would be a much faster method which would be beneficial to everyone involved. Also, there are many logs on this sale that are too large for the loader on a pre-hauler to lift.

Please contact me with any suggestions or questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ben Harvey, Forester
Shetler Lumber Co., Inc.

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