

File Code: 2450

Date: November 4, 2008

Ben Harvey, Purchaser Representative
Shetler Lumber Company, Inc.
2850 Route 6
Waterford, PA 16441

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ben:

This letter is written notice that the actions taken by Shetler Lumber Company, Inc. on the OGM Case 595 Deck Timber Sale, Contract # 02-155952, awarded October 17, 2008, on the Marienville Ranger District, are in non-compliance and to be halted immediately. Operations shall shift to the use of a forwarder as required in Attachment A, #5, in order to remove the decked timber. If necessary, a loader may be used with prior consent of the Forest Service.


On Tuesday, October 28, 2008, your operations utilizing log trucks and a bulldozer during wet weather conditions have caused damage to the OGM operator's roads and improvements.

According to the OGM operator damage includes, but is not limited to rutting of road surfaces, accumulation of mud and damage to road ditches, a culvert partially exposed and damaged by truck traffic, and some rutting of the surface where the operator had installed stone over the native road surface. In addition there was some damage to ditches, seeding, and cut banks, where full length trucks were unable to make turns without cutting the corners.

As required under Attachment A, #1, you are responsible to repair all damage caused by your operations. Please meet with Sale Administrator (SA) Dave Cotterman and the OGM operator in order to facilitate the repairs needed to the damaged OGM improvements and not hinder their operations. All repairs are to be done as soon as conditions warrant.

If you have any questions, please give us a call. We anticipate your full cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


RANDALL A. DURNER
Contracting Officer

cc: Dave Cotterman, Sale Administrator
Rob Fallon, Marienville District Ranger
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