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In Reply Refer To:

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January 10, 1997

**Mr. Michael Dombeck, Chief
USDA Forest Service
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Dear Mike:

On behalf of all BLM Idaho employees, the BLM Idaho Management Team (IMT) would like to express our appreciation for your support and dedication. Your contributions have been crucial to the success of national and ground-level issues, to the protection and promotion of resources on public lands, and to the championing of our efforts to advance partnership programs with state and federal agencies. It has been BLM Idaho's honor to work with you for the past four years.

The IMT would like to congratulate you on your appointment to Chief, USDA Forest Service. Please accept the enclosed remembrances of BLM Idaho as tokens of our appreciation. We are proud to have been a part of your team, proud of your work as our Director, and look forward to working with you in the future. You will be missed.

Idaho Management Team (IMT)

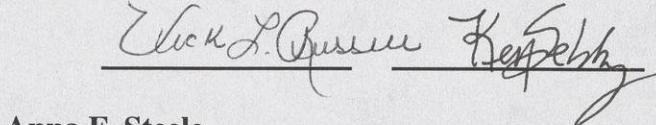
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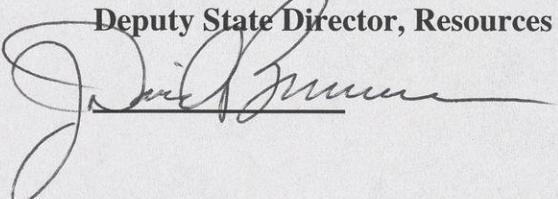
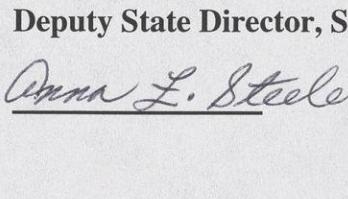
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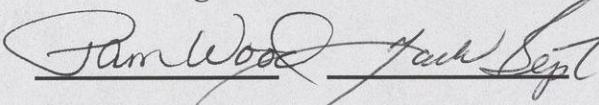

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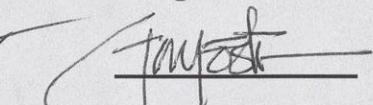



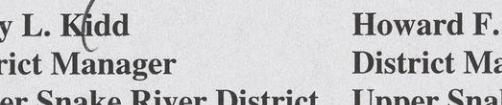
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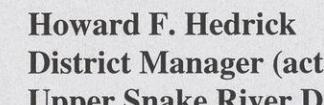
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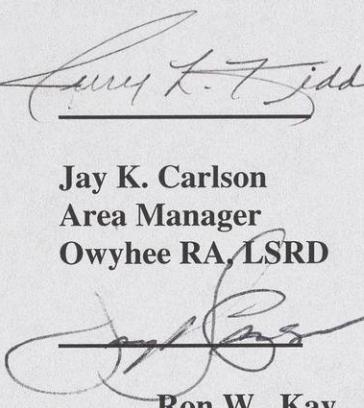

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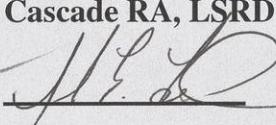

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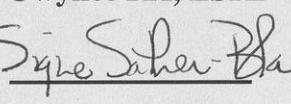

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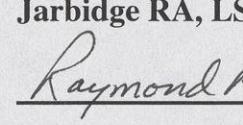

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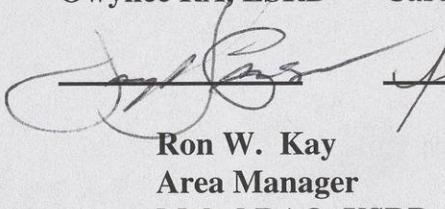

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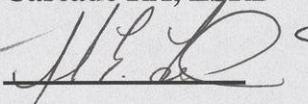

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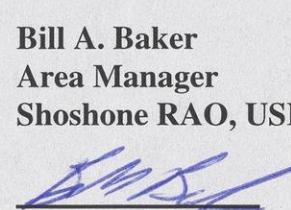

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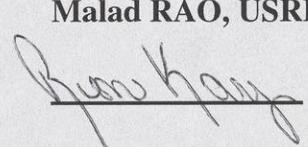

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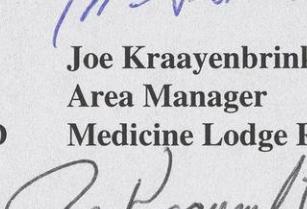

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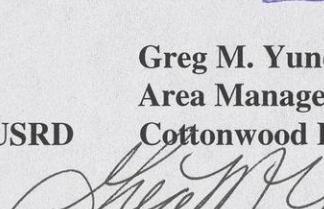

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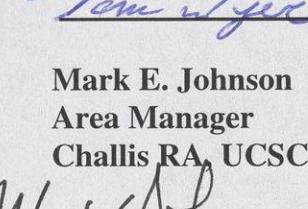

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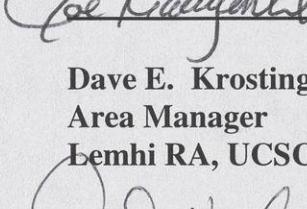

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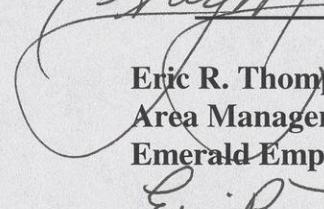

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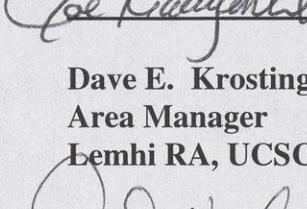

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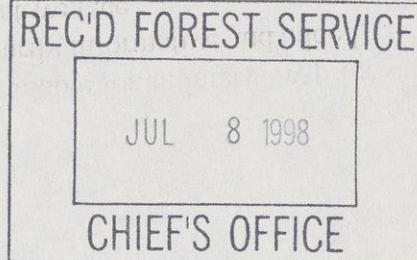
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July 2, 1998

Michael Dombeck
Chief
U.S. Forest Service
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Dear Jamie,

Many thanks for taking the time to participate in the BLM Natural Resource Forum broadcast. I believe it provided a valuable and exciting opportunity for employees and the public to learn more about land management in the next century.

Let me also thank you for making yourself available for an interview prior to the forum. The transcripts were extraordinarily informative and added to my understanding of the complex issues that we face.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Pat

Pat Shea

from the desk of:

DOUG LA FOLLETTE
SECRETARY OF STATE

(608) 266-8888

Jan 9th

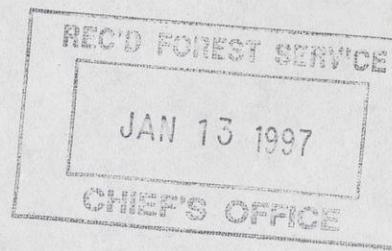
Dear Mike,

Congratulations, I think,
on your new position. I
can imagine that it may
be like the frying pan
into the campfire, sort of
thing BLM → FS ?

I know you will do your
best.
Good Luck.

Doug

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

SECRETARY OF STATE
WISCONSIN

January 9, 1997

Jack G. Troyer
 Forest Supervisor
 Nicolet National Forest
 68 S. Stevens Street
 Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

Dear Supervisor Troyer:

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Pest Management at the Oconto River Seed Orchard, I would like to offer the following comments:

First, of all, I would strongly urge the Forest Service **not** to adopt the alternative identified as the preferred alternative (Alternative D), which includes aerial spraying by planes and/or helicopters. The use of chemicals as a pesticide control measure can be devastating enough without adding in the vagaries of air currents and uncontrolled spraying .

My first choice of an alternative would be Alternative B, with no pesticides being used. From a practical standpoint, I realize that this may not be possible. In addition, I trust that the Forest Service will continue to promote all available safety measures as outlined in this DEIS and fully monitor air and water quality for contamination.

Therefore, I recommend that the Forest Service adopt the use of Alternative C, which includes all kinds of integrated pest management practices. **However, when adopting Alternative C, I would urge the Forest Service to do so without the use of esfenvalerate.**

I commend you for your thoroughness when developing this DEIS and for your overall concern for the environment on a long-term basis. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Doug La Follette".

Doug La Follette
 Secretary of State

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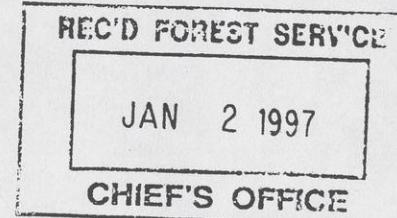
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cc: Dombeck
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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

December 20, 1996

Mr. Michael Dombeck, Chief Forester
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250



Dear Mr. Dombeck:

Congratulations on your appointment as Chief Forester. The Knowles Administration is looking forward to working closely with you on solutions to the forestry issues facing the State of Alaska.

The State of Alaska is disappointed by the continued delay in the completion of the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP). The stability and prosperity of Southeast Alaska is threatened by the continued failure of the U.S. Forest Service to complete TLMP. The lack of a plan is perpetuating uncertainty for all of the users of the forest and for the jobs and families of Southeast Alaska. As you know, with the announcement of the closure of the Ketchikan Pulp Company's pulp mill, Southeast Alaska is in a period of transition.

We continue to urge an expeditious completion of a TLMP that is based on the three principles of sound science, prudent management, and a responsive public process. As we have told Congress, the Clinton Administration, and various interest groups, we will not support an arbitrary harvest number or proposals to support a number which is not based on the above three principles or determined within the TLMP process. We support the U.S. Forest Service process including the presentation of the draft alternatives in April and the further scientific analysis which has occurred since then. We do not want to see this credible process undermined by further delay. We also urge the U.S. Forest Service to provide a timber harvest level and strategies for the Tongass National Forest that:

- will prevent the immediate closure of any additional facilities and prevent additional job losses;
- will provide a predictable supply of sawlogs in the next four to five years for a transition to value-added manufacturing; and,
- will not stymie the development of an integrated industry that fully utilizes all the timber supply and maximizes jobs.

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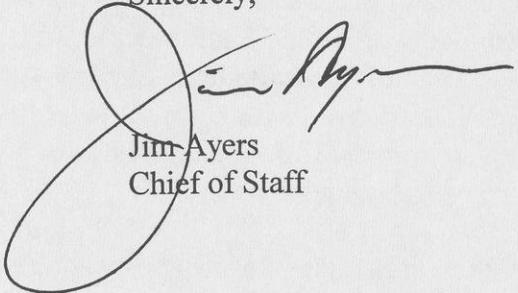
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If the revised plan's harvest level is significantly below the draft preferred alternative, the timber industry believes it will be difficult for those making investments in value-added components to secure start-up capital for their projects. In that case, Southeast Alaska will require major investments by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for value-added infrastructure and other economic transition purposes.

In addition to financial assistance, the task force needs the technical assistance of your best national experts to help develop these models. We have contacted the Regional Forester and made a request for this assistance. We hope USDA will provide this assistance.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to working with you to create a seamless transition that, to the greatest extent possible, avoids displacing Alaskan job and families.

Sincerely,


Jim Ayers
Chief of Staff

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Frank Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Chief of Staff Greg Frazier
Regional Forester Phil Janik
Katie McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality
Dinah Bear, General Counsel, Council on Environmental Quality
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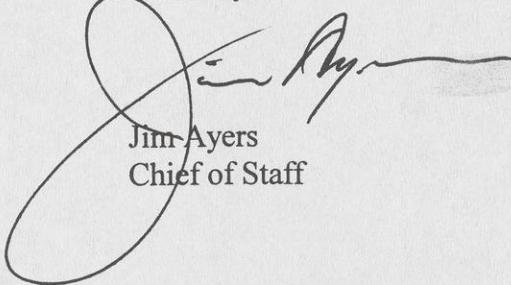
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1/9/97

Mike

Congratulations — a good guy from northern Wisconsin deserves to be the Chief — what a journey and what a road yet to be travelled.

Now that you have a few weeks behind the announcement and that Carol and I are back from Christmas Holidays in Phoenix, I wanted to send you our best wishes in your new job. Also, I want to thank you for the time together in BLM and your confidence in me to allow me to come to Alaska. I still carry in my briefcase the guidance you wrote out for me in pencil during the meeting we had at Lake Tahoe. It was, and continues to be, on the mark.

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You were the medicine BLM needed
and we are sorry you are gone. But,
we look for a new closeness and
even better relationship with the
Forest Service.

Call on me any time if there is anything
I can do personally or with the BLM
to help you in the big job ahead.

Thanks for your support and my
best to you and Pat in the future.

Sincerely,
Tom Allen

Protect America's Wild Forests

A Letter from Forest Service Employees Supporting Responsible Stewardship of Roadless Areas



Presented to Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck

By Forest Service Employees for
Environmental Ethics

January 28, 1999

Michael Dombeck, Chief
USDA Forest Service
14th and Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

January 28, 1999

Dear Chief Dombeck:

We are writing as stewards of America's public forest lands and as resource professionals who are deeply concerned about road management and the protection of remaining unroaded areas. It has become increasingly clear that the existing road network, managed by federal agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, contains thousands of miles of roads that are too expensive to maintain adequately. It is imperative that land management agencies adopt an integrated roads policy that carefully considers federal budgetary realities and takes into account the best available scientific and resource management information.

We support a thorough inventory of existing roads, coupled with your proposal to close, upgrade, or obliterate those roads that are too expensive to maintain or are causing unacceptable natural resource damage.

We also support the protection of unroaded areas that are critically important as habitat for wildlife and fish and as sources of clean water for our communities. These unroaded areas are among the few remaining areas where people go for peace, solitude, and to experience the natural beauty of the American landscape.

Scientists and resource professionals agree that unroaded areas have many benefits. In 1993, the Federal Ecosystem Management Assessment Team (FEMAT) stated, "Management activities in roadless areas will increase the risk of aquatic and riparian habitat damage ... roads represent the greatest risk to riparian and aquatic systems."

In 1994, a respected team of scientists, representing a broad range of disciplines, reported to Congress and the President that "Roadless regions constitute the least-human-disturbed forest and stream systems, the last reservoirs of ecological diversity, and the primary benchmarks for restoring ecological health and integrity."

According to the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Fish and Wildlife Service, unroaded areas are "aquatic strongholds" that should remain unroaded. These government agencies reported, "Roads and associated management areas are often a primary source of sedimentation and damage to aquatic habitat."

We agree with the findings and recommendations of these scientists and government agencies. The high cultural and ecological value of unroaded areas in our national forests and other public lands should be carefully safeguarded. Moreover, many of the reasons these areas remain unroaded (steepness, erodibility, high elevation or difficult access) are precisely the same reasons they should continue to be protected from road building.

As people responsible for the management of America's public lands, we support an integrated roads policy that includes the protection of unroaded areas. It is not only good management now, but provides a legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,

Signed by over 500 Forest Service employees

Note: Title and affiliation provided with each name are for identification purposes only.

Notes from
1/28/97 meeting
w/ V.P. Gore
for my "memories"

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Year 2000 NPR Goals USDA Forest Service

1. Offer to all customers, contractors, suppliers, and vendors the opportunity to conduct financial transactions electronically.
2. Offer toll-free telephone, world wide web, and automated applications to all permittees and applicants of the most frequently requested special use permits.
3. Establish an internal market economy, using enterprise teams, to improve efficiency of managing the National Forests in California, reinvesting the savings in a highly skilled workforce to improve the quality of land stewardship and customer service.
4. In collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, improve service to the public land users by providing one-stop shopping for information, permits, and other frequently requested over-the-counter products and services at BLM and Forest Service facilities.
5. In collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, provide an integrated, nationwide outdoor recreation information system that gives all Americans quick and easy electronic access to information about recreation on federal lands, recreation use permits, and reservations.

3/4/97
Joe
VP

- Level of cynicism re Govt - concern on self govt
- Bureaucrats - will serve their own agenda is what people say
really make reinvention work
- We are in the midst of a mgmt revolution led by the private sector
- Most valuable assets are the unused brain power & creativity of individual employees.
- Good enough for Govt work used to mean "top-notch"

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- We want to change whole agencies to better deliver to the people. 2

Only 32 of 300 agencies have 90% of contact w/ people. We shape the public impressions of how govt views us.

3 areas of focus

1 - partnership

2 - using technology to open up Govt. - access America

Becoming a Learning Organization is essential
everyone is going thru the same thing

3 - customer service.

look at things from the standpoint of the customer

Partnership

VP gathering positive comments re FEMA & OSHA
OSHA used to measure fines & citations.

1. Accept responsibility - make goals second commitment.
2. Reinforce w/ st. mngs. - importance of goals & process
org. takes on the character of its leaders.
3. Get to front line employees - they are an untapped resource.
They want cultures to keep up w/ the times.
4. Make reinvention a part of everything we do - the small things matter. We want to help you esp. inter agency conflicts
5. Talk to each other & learn from experience - showcase successes.

PART 2

USDA Forest Service
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Memo

To: Mike Dombeck, Chief

From: *Juan Palma*

CC:

Date: 06/30/99

Re: Your Journal Notes to the field

Mike, wanted to let you know how much folks out here appreciate what I call "Chief's journal notes" when you send them out to the field. I enjoyed your diary account of your trip out to Montana. I did a tour of duty on the Beaverhead NF and read with interest your notes of what is going on back there.

Keep this process going - "Chief's Journal Notes".