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Subject: 2nd Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Watdog Project, Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Butte and Plumas Counties, California (CEQ # 20080151)

Dear Ms. Carlton:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced 2nd Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA reviewed the 2nd Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and provided comments to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on February 4, 2008. We rated the DSEIS as Environmental Concerns - Adequate (EC-1).

EPA has reviewed the 2nd FSEIS and notes the selection of Alternative B without change. We continue to express concerns regarding cumulative impacts to watersheds and short-term impacts to old-forest species, and continue to recommend a less-intensive harvest alternative.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this 2nd SFEIS and ROD. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3846 or Karen Vitulano, the lead reviewer for this project. Karen can be reached at 415-947-4178 or vitulano.karen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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