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Subject: Comments Bell Timber, Inc. Sourcing Area Application, Docket #22-J-0052

To: USDA Office of Administrative Law Judges, The Honorable Judge Channing Strother

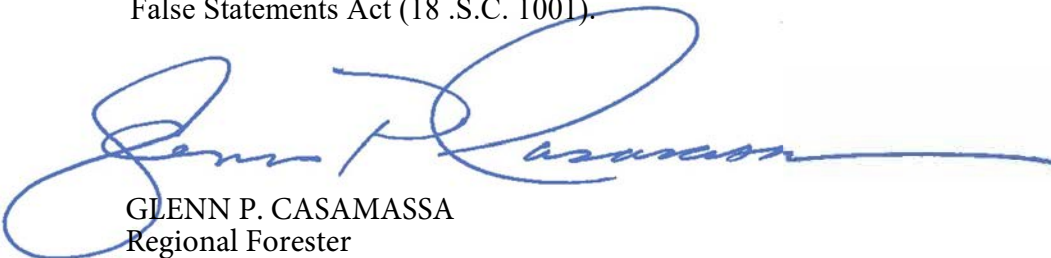
On June 28, 2022, Bell Timber, Inc. (Bell) filed a Sourcing Area application with the OALJ. On July 19, 2022, the OALJ docketed Bell's application (Docket no. 22-J-0052). On October 17, 2022, Bell filed a revised application with the OALJ.

Notification of the opportunity to review and comment on Bell's application was published in newspapers of general circulation in each Forest Service region with National Forest System land located in the sourcing area application. The 30-day comment period commenced on November 11, 2022.

The applicant and other parties who submit written comments will have 10 working days, from the date the comment period closes on December 12, 2022, to review the comments at the Regional Forester's office during regular business hours or at:
www.fs.usda.gov/forestmanagement/products/contracts.shtml.

My recommendation, as to why OALJ should approve or disapprove the application, will be submitted after my staff reviews comments received during the public comment period and the Forest Service completes the analysis of the application.

I certify that the information provided by me is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that failure to provide true and accurate information could be violation of the False Statements Act (18 .S.C. 1001).



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