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Dear Mr. Harlan:

Thank you for your letter of August 10, 2018. The Forest Service relationship with the Collins Pine Company is indeed a long and positive one, and through the Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield/Stewardship Unit, has helped foster both community and forest health in Lake County for nearly 70 years.

The Lakeview Federal Stewardship Unit (LFSU) was originally established in 1950 as the Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield Unit for the purpose of supplying timber to local mills in the communities of Lakeview and Paisley in Lake County, Oregon. In 2001, the Chief of the Forest Service re-authorized the Unit with a revised policy statement that established new goals and updated its name to the Lakeview Federal Stewardship Unit. Since that time and through the subsequent review in 2011, the Fremont-Winema National Forest, working with the Collins Company, has made substantial progress in addressing issues of forest health in the Unit. Your substantial investment in the mill since that reauthorization and your diligence in working with the Forest in carrying out and completing the ten year stewardship contract (among the first long and large stewardship contracts not only in the Pacific Northwest but in the National Forest System) across a very significant landscape within the LFSU is remarkable and a testament to the Collins Company commitment to the people, communities and landscape of Lake County.

I appreciate your letter's candor, your ongoing commitment to the communities of Lake County, and your stated business need to assure an increasing supply to the mill by transitioning to an open purchaser of National Forest System timber. To that end, and in consultation with the PSW Regional Forester, I am granting your request, per the policy statement for the LFSU, for advance approval to bid on or otherwise become involved in other offerings of National Forest timber outside the LFSU. This advance approval will remain in place until the final task order associated with the ten year stewardship contract is complete and the contract is closed. I acknowledge your intent to complete task order work by the end of December, 2018 and the Forest anticipates complete close out of the contract early in 2019. I understand that after the completion of work under this task order Collins Company intends to no longer purchase sales



that contain the LFSU policy requirements. The Fremont-Winema National Forest will continue large landscape planning within the Unit.

With respect to the Collins Company request to suspend the LFSU, the unit policy statement requires a public process to consider the purposes of the LFSU and to determine whether to amend or revoke those purposes. As the next re-evaluation of the LFSU would be initiated no later than 2020 --Forest Service policy (FSM 2411 and 2468) calls for a review of sustained yield units at least every 10 years--we will accelerate the timeline for that review. The objective of the re-evaluation is to determine if policy objectives are being met for the Unit, and if the Unit warrants further continuance. I have asked the Forest Supervisor, Barry Imler, to work with our Regional Office staff to begin the review process.

Sincerely,



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cc: Marie-Louise Smith, Barry Imler, Amanda McAdams, John Exline, Barnie Gyant, Lisa Northrop