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Dear Interested Forest Stakeholder,

We previously invited your comments on a vegetation control project, including the treatment of non-native invasive species (NNIS) as well as competition control for young forest communities where we would like to restore a mixture of shortleaf pine and oaks.

Our revised Forest Plan guides us to move toward goals that include specific objectives related to this Proposed Action.

We received several written comments in reply to this initial scoping letter. In response, we analyzed the Proposed Action along with three alternatives to the Proposed Action, based on significant issues. This analysis is documented in the enclosed environmental assessment (EA), which we are making available for public comment for 30 days.

At this time I have identified Alternative 2 as preferable over the other alternatives and the Proposed Action. However, before making a final decision, I would like to hear from you. This 30-day public comment period provides a final opportunity for public review of the Proposed Action, alternatives to it, and the effects analysis in the accompanying EA. Comments must be postmarked 30 days following publication of the legal notice in either the Northeast Georgian in Cornelia, Georgia or the Clayton Tribune in Clayton, Georgia, whichever is later. I will consider your comments in reaching my final decision.

Please address your comments to Chattooga River Ranger District, Attn: Mike Brod, 809 Highway 441 South, Clayton, GA 30525; or by phone call to (706) 782-3320; or by e-mail to mbrod@fs.fed.us. If you have any questions or need further information on this proposal, please contact Mike Brod at the above address, phone number or e-mail address.

Thank you for your participation in our project planning process.

/s/ David W. Jensen

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Enclosure: Environmental Assessment.

