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November 17, 2008

### **Via E-Mail and Facsimile**

Mr. Frank Gomez  
Contracting Officer  
U.S. Forest Service  
National Interagency Fire Center  
3833 S. Development Ave.  
Boise, ID 83705

**Re: Carson Helicopters, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Gomez:

As you know, this firm is counsel to Carson Helicopters, Inc. ("Carson").

Carson has requested that we assist the Company with its response to the Cure Notice issued by your office on November 7, 2008 with regard to Contract Nos. AG-024B-C-08-9354 and AG-024B-C-08-9340. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an extension in which to file a response to the Notice.

Carson is currently analyzing and compiling the technical information necessary to fully respond to the weight issue. In addition, Carson has requested that this law firm conduct an investigation of the circumstances related to the performance chart issue identified in the Notice. This investigation is ongoing, but additional work needs to be done to complete the review. Given the work that needs to be completed to respond fully to the Notice and the intervening Thanksgiving Holiday, we respectfully request an extension to December 17, 2008 to respond to the Notice.

This extension is necessary to enable Carson to provide a comprehensive response to the Notice and, therefore, is in the best interests of both Carson and the Forest Service. Moreover, the extension will not prejudice the Forest Service as all of Carson's helicopters continue to be grounded pending resolution of this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DN', written over a horizontal line.

David M. Nadler

cc: Marc Kesselman,  
General Counsel, U.S. Forest Service

Elin Dugan  
Counsel, Forest Service