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Dear Interested Parties:

I have decided to authorize the placement of large woody debris in 1,100 feet of Dutton Brook upstream of Forest Trail 257 in the Town of Leicester, Addition County, Vermont.

The planned addition of large woody debris in the project area will restore the ecological functions and processes that woody debris serves in forested watersheds. This project will implement habitat restoration that will store, sort, and distribute sediment; create habitat features such as pools and riffles; add habitat diversity; provide cover; and retain organic matter and nutrients in the aquatic ecosystem

My decision is documented in the enclosed Dutton Brook Large Woody Debris Project Decision Memo. Based on my review of the environmental analysis undertaken specifically for this project, the results of which are contained in the Project File, I have determined that this project may be categorically excluded from review in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment. This decision is not subject to administrative appeal, and may be implemented immediately. Implementation is scheduled to begin in or about June, 2009.

Further information about this decision can be obtained by contacting Dan McKinley at the Rochester Ranger District, 99 Ranger Rd., Rochester, VT 05767; 802-767-4261, ext. 516 (voice); 802-767-4777 (facsimile); 802-747-6765 (TTY); or dmckinley@fs.fed.us (email).

Sincerely,

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