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File Code: 1950-1

Date: October 9, 2007

Dear Friends of the Forest:

Enclosed is the Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact for the Middle Mountain Wildlife Savannah Project, which I signed on September 28, 2007.

I have selected a modified Alternative 3, which includes the following activities: (1) Create five savannah units totaling about 45 acres; (2) provide water sources to wildlife close to savannahs, by restoring one existing water hole and creating two new water holes; (3) commercially thin about 85 acres of stands around savannah units; (4) create about 1.1 miles of new skid trail without blading to facilitate removal of commercial timber; (5) prescribe burn approximately 423 acres; (6) treat approximately 18 acres with herbicide; and (7) maintain approximately 28 acres of savannah units using a tractor and mower.

I selected this alternative because it provides the best balance between meeting the desired condition for the wildlife habitat in the project area while protecting the other resources in an economically efficient manner.

I would like to take this time to thank you for your interest and participation in the planning process for this project. If you need additional information, please contact the project leader, O'Dell Tucker at the Marlinton Ranger Office at 1103 Cemetery Road, Marlinton, WV, 24954, TTY/Voice 304-799-4334 (Ext. 19); or you contact me at 304-799-4334 (Ext. 17).

Sincerely,

/s/ Rondi L. Fischer
RONDI L. FISCHER
District Ranger

