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Forest
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Albuquerque Service Center

101 B Sun Avenue NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

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Treasurer, State of Arkansas
220 State Capital
Little Rock, AZ 72201

Dear State Treasurer:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter to the Regional Foresters regarding the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, as amended and reauthorized by P.L. 110-343 (the "SRS Act"). This letter explains the actions that must be taken by States and counties in order to receive payments under the SRS Act and sets forth important deadlines for these actions.

By no later than **November 14, 2008**, each State must submit the enclosed election form per the instructions in the attached letter to:

U.S. Forest Service
Albuquerque Service Center, B&F
ATTN: Winona Gleason
TSA & Other Collections, ASR
101B Sun Avenue, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

This is a hard deadline that can not be extended. We strongly encourage the State to transmit the election form in advance of the deadline to ensure that any concerns may be addressed before November 14. By law, failure to submit these elections by the deadline will result in the county being considered to have elected to receive a share of the State payment (the formula payment) and to return 15-percent of its share to the Treasury in lieu of allocating 15 to 20-percent for Title II or Title III projects.

We will accept the Election Form via email or Fax, as follows:

wgleason@fs.fed.us

Fax: (866)-343-2634

Please feel free to contact Winona Gleason of my staff at 505-563-7467 for any questions.

Sincerely,

Donna Carmical

for

JESSE L. KING
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Winona Gleason

