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**Subject:** Region 8 Request for Additional Farm Bill Insect and Disease Designations  
**To:** Deputy Chief, National Forest System

Per section 8204 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, I am requesting the additional designation of landscape-scale areas (23 sixth-level watersheds) within the Daniel Boone National Forest (DBNF) to address insect and disease threats under section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HRA) of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a).

President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the Cumberland Purchase Unit in Kentucky as the Cumberland National Forest in 1937; the name was later changed to Daniel Boone National Forest. The 1937 proclamation boundary did not include the lands in eastern Kentucky that were established by the National Forest Reservation Commission as the Redbird Purchase Unit in 1964. Thus, Redbird was excluded from the Chief's designation because it is located outside of the proclamation boundary for the Daniel Boone.

The designation would address the following criteria in section 602:

Criteria 1: The area proposed for designation is experiencing decline of forest health from Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). Recent surveys conducted by the Kentucky Division of Forestry (2015) indicate HWA has infested eastern Hemlock trees in more than 30 Commonwealth counties since arriving in Kentucky in 2006. A map displaying (2015) affected counties is located at: <http://ky-caps.ca.uky.edu/hemlock-woolly-adelgid>).

Criteria 2: Based on recent insect and disease assessments (USDA Forest Service 2014) HWA is projected to kill up to 90 percent of the eastern Hemlock trees in Kentucky over the next 15 years (or less).

Criteria 3: The HWA threat is affecting public health and safety. HWA-related tree mortality is creating dead limbs and snags inside recreation areas and along trail corridors. In addition, as the number of dead trees increase, the risk and intensity of fires will increase.

The Daniel Boone Forest Supervisor's Request for Farm Bill Designation Acreage and the DBNF Farm Bill Designations map have been included as supporting documentation. The Forest Supervisor's request provides the path to T drive GIS files. In addition, I have enclosed two documents related to the Forest's 2014 section 602 designation.



For additional information please contact Peter Gaulke, Southern Region Planning Director, at (404) 347-3183.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Tooke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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Enclosures (4)

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