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Tom Maulson, Chairman
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Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission
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Dear Chairman Maulson:

We wish to thank you and GLIFWC staff in joining the Forest Service to update the current *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Tribal-USDA Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands within the Territories Ceded in the Treaties of 1836, 1837, and 1842*. Since this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was first ratified in 1998, we have collaborated on many accomplishments that implement the MOU. We believe the 2012 amendments will serve to strengthen the effectiveness of the MOU as well as provide the Forest Service with this opportunity to renew our commitment to the implementation and protection of Ojibwe treaty rights on National Forest System lands in the Eastern Region.

Please accept this letter as the Forest Service's instrument of ratification of the proposed 2012 amendments which include changes to the MOU, changes to Appendix A - Off Reservation National Forest Gathering Code, a change to Appendix B - Tribal Self-Regulation Agreement, and the addition of a new appendix, Appendix C - Tribal Timber Harvest Framework Agreement.

Sincerely,

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