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Mr. John Greis
U.S. Forest Service
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Greis:

Forestry is a science with numerous professional foresters working in conjunction with other fields of study, such as, wildlife management, hydrology, silviculture, ecosystem management and soils.

Forestry is governed by many laws and regulations and best management practices in every state. There are currently 10 major federal environmental and safety laws and regulations that govern forestry operations on private land.

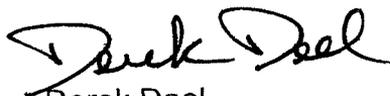
Professional foresters and forestry best practices help ensure sustainable forestry. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFIsm) program, for example, obligates participants to promptly reforest harvested areas, protect water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat and continuously improve wood utilization.

Sound forest management ensures wildlife diversity. Hundreds of wildlife biologists working for conservation organizations, government agencies, universities and the forest products industry help guide land managers as they seek to strike a balance between the economic, ecological and biological benefits that forest provide our society.

Sensible land use protects green space for future generations.

I urge you to take these facts into consideration in your Southern Forestry Resource Assessment Report.

Sincerely,



Derek Deel
Manager Power