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Honorable Teri Gobin
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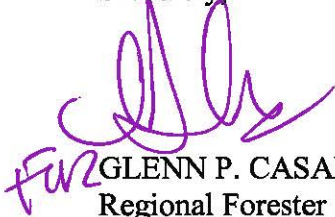
Dear Chairperson Gobin:

I have received both letters dated November 15th, 2019 and the January 29th 2020 revision requesting consideration for the Tulalip Tribes' Tribal Forest Protection Act Proposal. I have also received a letter from the Forest Supervisor Jamie Kingsbury recommending approval of your proposal.

The agency shares your interest in managing in this area and in reducing associated risks to tribal lands, resources, and people. The Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 provides an important authority for the Forest service to consider, proposals brought forth by Tribes to accomplish these goals on National Forest System lands adjacent to tribal land.

I am pleased to accept your proposal. We want to continue to work collaboratively with you as the Forest undertakes the necessary compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws. I am currently investigating the opportunities for funding this project to partner with the Tulalip Tribes in achieving mutual land management, community protection and employment goals. The region will seek the necessary funds to complete the project. Should you have questions regarding the project, please contact the Forest Supervisor, at: 2930 Wetmore Ave, Suite 3A Everett, Washington 98201. If you have questions regarding the agency's implementation of the Tribal Forest Protection Act, please contact our Tribal Relations Program Manager, Waldo Walker, at: 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

Sincerely,


FWZ

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