

(NAME OF FOREST SUPERVISOR), Forest Supervisor

(NAME) National Forest

(ADDRESS)

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Dear Mr. (NAME),

As you are aware, (TRIBE NAME) has trust lands that are adjacent to the (NAME) Forest. In the past, when fires have burned from other adjacent Forest lands on to our trust lands, we have experienced the following:

Fences which were burned were not rebuilt; we experienced erosion from lack of burned area rehabilitation along the boundary our lands and; rehabilitation of our lands was left to our and BIA responsibility and financial resources.

The same types of threats and risks exist for our trust lands coming from the (FOREST NAME). Our lands adjacent to the (FOREST NAME) provide wildlife habitat and economic value to the (TRIBE NAME) and we want to protect those values.

Because of our past experience we would like to begin a series of collaboration dialogues and field trips with the (DISTRICT NAME) District Ranger to develop a Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) proposal to submit to the Regional Forester for his approval. We want to work together to protect our resources from threats coming from the (FOREST NAME).

If Regional Office, TFPA training is available, we are requesting that you assist us with getting training for both (TRIBE) staff and key District and Forest staff as well. We feel it would be a benefit to join Forest personnel to discuss opportunities and limitations of TFPA and to develop a framework to better assist the development of a proposal for the Regional Forester.

Part of our discussions should include workforce development. The Forest Service provides employment opportunities for some of our tribal members. We have a small forestry crew which needs additional training and work experience. We also have tribal members who can become more employable for the Tribe and the Forest. We would like to explore ways to further develop the crew and tribal member workforce through TFPA.

Please coordinate this work with (NAME), our Natural Resources Director. His contact information is (PHONE AND EMAIL).

Sincerely,

(TRIBAL CHAIR/GOVERNOR/PRESIDENT)

cc:

(NAME), (DISTRICT NAME) District Ranger

(NAME), Forest Tribal Relations Specialist

(NAME), Regional Forester

(NAME), Regional Forestry Director

(NAME), Regional Tribal Relations