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Dear Objector:

This letter is in response to objections filed on the Wood Duck Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice released by Aaron Webber, Townsend District Ranger. I have read your objections and reviewed the project record. My review of your objection was conducted in accordance with the administrative review procedures found at 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS

The regulations at 36 CFR 218.8 provide for a pre-decisional administrative review process in which the objector provides sufficient narrative description of the project, specific issues related to the project, and suggested remedies that would resolve the objections. I considered issues related to the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Forest Management Act, vegetation management, and wildlife in my review.

OBJECTION RESOLUTION MEETING

I invited all objectors to meet on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, to discuss potential objection remedies but no one accepted my invitation. However, Ranger Webber and I did meet with Michael Garrity and Sara Johnson in the field on July 25th. We were not able to resolve issues raised by the objectors.

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS

As specified at 36 CFR 218.11(b), this is my response to your objections to the Wood Duck EA, draft decision notice, and project record. The responsible official provided adequate analysis of the issues raised and provided acceptable documentation of compliance with applicable law, regulation, and policy.

CONCLUSION

The responsible official may sign the decision notice for this project. Changes will be made at my discretion based on concerns raised by objectors, and these changes will be documented in the decision notice. My review constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture; no further review from any other Forest Service or Department of Agriculture official of my written response to your objection is available [36 CFR 218.11(b)(2)].

Sincerely,

EMILY PLATT
Forest Supervisor



cc: Aaron Webber, Kelsey Fallis, Jenny Woods, Kristopher Cahoon, Katherine Cueno