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Dear Mr. Garten,

On May 16 I received an email from you inviting me to submit scoping comments on your proposed NRA Ewing Mtn. Vegetation Project (a.k.a. timber sale). Thanks for sending it. Your email contained a "Dear Interested Party" letter attachment dated May 16. This letter did not contain enough information about your sale for me to submit meaningful comments. The vast majority of other USFS scoping packages I have read provide the public with estimates of the number of acres that will be logged and estimates of the number of miles of system and temp roads that will be constructed. Your "Dear Interested Party" letter did not contain this information.

I was sure this information would be contained in the project information posted at your forest's Projects Page about Ewing Mtn. On May 16 the Ewing project wasn't listed on the Projects Page. I thought you were busy and had not had the time to post the project information. Today is May 23 and its still not posted at your forest's website.!

The only people that know your Ewing sale has been proposed are those who received your email. Perhaps you sent emails to 10 members of the public. Perhaps you sent it to 100 people. Of course this makes no difference. You are paid to serve 324 million Americans. Does the R-8 leadership encourage you to ignore these people. Perhaps Mr. Williams was afraid there might be comments critical of his proposed sale.

You will post the information I need online for me and 324 million Americans to see by COB on Friday May 24 or it will be necessary to involve Congress. Each member of Congress has aides who help people deal with difficult or uncooperative federal agencies.

They will be interested to know you violate these laws:

40 CFR [sect]1500.2 Policy.

Federal agencies shall to the fullest extent possible:

(d) Encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions which affect the quality of the human environment.

40 CFR [sect]1506.6 Public involvement.

Agencies shall:

(a) Make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing their NEPA procedures.

Sincerely,

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PS: Why must a member of the public tell you how to do your job Garten?