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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification

This letter expresses the commitment of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry to manage the certified state forest lands in a manner consistent with FSC Standards and Policies as described in the FSC-US standard.

The Indiana state forest system has a long and proud history of managing, enhancing and protecting all of the intrinsic values of the state forest lands since 1903. This philosophy may be best summed up in the Mission Statement developed by the employees responsible for the management of Indiana's state forest system:

"We, the employees of the property section of the Division of Forestry, will demonstrate sound forest stewardship in our management of the Division's public forest lands. These lands will provide forest products, outdoor recreation, educational opportunities and other benefits, both tangible and intangible. We will conserve, protect, enhance and make available the varied forest resources of state forest properties for the present and future citizens of Indiana."

The Division of Forestry's commitment in 2012 to the FSC Standards and Policies is one effort to fulfill this mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Seifert'.

John R. Seifert
State Forester