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File Code: 1560/[XXXX]
Route To:

Date:

Subject: Tribal Forest Protection Act Proposal, (TRIBE NAME)

To: Regional Forester, R-X

In (DATE), Southwestern Regional Forester (NAME) received a letter dated (DATE), from (TRIBAL CHAIR/GOVERNOR/PRESIDENT NAME) of the (TRIBE NAME), submitting an area of the (FOREST NAME) National Forest for consideration under the Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA). As you know, the TFPA authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to consider tribally proposed projects on National Forest lands bordering or adjacent to Indian trust land. This authority has been delegated to the Regional Forester. The intent of the Act is to protect Indian trust lands and resources from fire, disease, or other threats coming off of lands managed by the Forest Service.

I recommend approving the proposal, the details of which are enclosed. The Forest and (TRIBE NAME) cooperated during the preparation of this TFPA proposal. The area falls within the (PROJECT AREA NAME). The proposed project activities will be authorized under our environmental analysis which is planned for decision in the (SEASON) of (YEAR). The (ANALYSIS NAME) analysis focuses on restoration of fire adapted ecosystems and includes vegetative treatments and prescribed burning to accomplish landscape restoration objectives, the same objectives and treatments proposed by the (TRIBE NAME).

Several members from the (FOREST NAME) National Forest met with (TRIBAL GOVERNMENT/STAFF NAMES) on the site of the TFPA proposal in (DATES). In reviewing their findings, I find that all TFPA criteria have been met:

1. The Indian land is in trust or restricted status and has qualifying vegetative cover.
2. The proposed project is on lands that borders or is adjacent to Indian trust land.
3. There are risks from fire and disease.
4. The area is not subject to any other conflicting agreement or contract.
5. The area involves a feature or circumstance unique to the proposing Tribe (e.g., cultural and biological).

(ADD ADDITIONAL DETAILS/CONCERNS HERE)

The Forest Service has 120 days to respond to the proposal, or by (DATE). Please do not hesitate to contact me at (FOREST SUPERVISOR PHONE NUMBER), (DISTRICT RANGER NAME) (XXX-XXX-XXXX), or (FOREST STAFF NAME) (XXX-XXX-XXXX), if you have further questions about the (TRIBE NAME) proposal or my recommendation.

FOREST SUPERVISOR

Enclosure

cc:

DISTRICT RANGER NAME
RO FORESTRY DIRECTOR NAME
RO TRIBAL RELATIONS NAME

