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Dear Michael:

I've enjoyed the discussions we have had over the past few months on new directions and opportunities for the Forest Service. Your interest in cooperative work with our forest has come at a crucial time in light of the changes we are undergoing as an agency and on our particular forest.

I strongly believe that the future of this forest is dependent on our taking a new approach to land management, one that will involve local participants and help us rebuild public confidence in the Forest Service. Six Rivers has initiated one partnership in a watershed on the forest which involves several of the participants we have identified in "Vision 2020." That project is oriented toward adaptive management in spotted owl habitat. "Vision 2020" goes a step further in demonstrating sustainable forestry for a watershed with a major commitment to revitalizing forest dependent communities.

"Vision 2020" is consistent with new management direction in the Forest Service and offers us a real opportunity to practice what we have been formulating in our minds as we discuss ecosystem management. We are seeking the balance and harmony between people and the land, attempting to meet this generation's resource needs while maintaining options for future generations. A critical element in the success of ecosystem management will be our effectiveness at increasing public participation in resource decision-making. "Vision 2020" does that in many ways--through a demonstration project and exposure to the international community of forestry expertise.





I appreciate your confidence in the Six Rivers and interest in entering into this partnership with us. Resolving many of the conflicts that have severely impacted our ability to carry out the Forest Service mission depends on defining and working toward common goals through partnerships such as we are forming. I look forward to taking our next steps--developing and signing the Memorandum of Understanding and getting onto the selection of a study area.

Sincerely,

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Acting Forest Supervisor

