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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
SPECIAL USE PERMIT
AUTHORITY:
FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MGMT ACT, AS AMENDED October 21, 1976**

Public Service of New Hampshire of Attn: Real Estate Department, PO Box 330, Manchester, NH 03105-0330 (hereinafter called the Holder) is hereby authorized to use or occupy National Forest System lands, to use subject to the conditions set out below, on the White Mountain National Forest.

This permit covers 41.25 acres and is described as shown on the location map attached to and made a part of this permit, and is issued for the purpose of:

A strip of land 150 feet wide for a r/w for operating and maintaining a 115 kv transmission line, #B-112, which is part of a similar line extending from Campton to West Ossipee. Permit area crosses T24, T820 and T907 in Sandwich, NH.

The above described or defined area shall be referred to herein as the "permit area".

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. AUTHORITY AND GENERAL TERMS OF THE PERMIT

A. Authority. This permit is issued pursuant to the authorities enumerated at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 251 Subpart B, as amended. This permit, and the activities or use authorized, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Secretary's regulations and any subsequent amendment to them.

B. Authorized Officer. The authorized officer is the Forest Supervisor or a delegated subordinate officer.

C. License. This permit is a license for the use of federally owned land and does not grant any permanent, possessory interest in real property, nor shall this permit constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611). Loss of the privileges granted by this permit by revocation, termination, or suspension is not compensable to the holder.

D. Amendment. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms, conditions, and stipulations as may be required by law, regulation, land management plans, or other management decisions.

E. Existing Rights. This permit is subject to all valid rights and claims of third parties. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right or claim.

F. Nonexclusive Use and Public Access. Unless expressly provided for in additional terms, use of the permit area is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right to use or allow others to use any part of the permit area, including roads, for any purpose, provided, such use does not

materially interfere with the holder's authorized use. A final determination of conflicting uses is reserved to the Forest Service.

G. Forest Service Right of Entry and Inspection. The Forest Service has the right of unrestricted access of the permitted area or facility to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, and ordinances and the terms and conditions of this permit.

H. Assignability. This permit is not assignable or transferable. If the holder through death, voluntary sale or transfer, enforcement of contract, foreclosure, or other valid legal proceeding ceases to be the owner of the improvements, this permit shall terminate.

I. Permit Limitations. Nothing in this permit allows or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility, or to conduct any activity unless specifically provided for in this permit. Any use not specifically identified in this permit must be approved by the authorized officer in the form of a new permit or permit amendment.

II. TENURE AND ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT

A. Expiration at the End of the Authorized Period. This permit will expire at midnight on 12/31/2036. Expiration shall occur by operation of law and shall not require notice, any decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation.

B. Minimum Use or Occupancy of the Permit Area. Use or occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least 365 days each year, unless otherwise authorized in writing under additional terms of this permit.

C. Notification to Authorized Officer. If the holder desires issuance of a new permit after expiration, the holder shall notify the authorized officer in writing not less than six (6) months prior to the expiration date of this permit.

D. Conditions for Issuance of a New Permit. At the expiration or termination of an existing permit, a new permit may be issued to the holder of the previous permit or to a new holder subject to the following conditions:

1. The authorized use is compatible with the land use allocation in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.
2. The permit area is being used for the purposes previously authorized.
3. The permit area is being operated and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the permit.
4. The holder has shown previous good faith compliance with the terms and conditions of all prior or other existing permits, and has not engaged in any activity or transaction contrary to Federal contracts, permits laws, or regulations.

E. Discretion of Forest Service. Notwithstanding any provisions of any prior or other permit, the authorized officer may prescribe new terms, conditions, and stipulations when a new permit is issued. The decision whether to issue a new permit to a holder or successor in interest is at the absolute discretion of the Forest Service.

F. Construction. Any construction authorized by this permit may commence by [] and shall be completed by []. If construction is not completed within the prescribed time, this permit may be revoked or suspended.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOLDER

A. Compliance with Laws, Regulations, and other Legal Requirements. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and standards, including but not limited to, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and other relevant environmental laws, as well as public health and safety laws and other laws relating to the siting, construction, operation, and maintenance of any facility, improvement, or equipment on the property.

B. Plans. Plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements on the permit area, as well as revisions of such plans, must be prepared by a qualified individual acceptable to the authorized officer and shall be approved in writing prior to commencement of work. The holder may be required to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys, or other similar information, upon completion of construction.

C. Maintenance. The holder shall maintain the improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this authorization. If requested, the holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

D. Hazard Analysis. The holder has a continuing responsibility to identify all hazardous conditions on the permit area which would affect the improvements, resources, or pose a risk of injury to individuals. Any non-emergency actions to abate such hazards shall be performed after consultation with the authorized officer. In emergency situations, the holder shall notify the authorized officer of its actions as soon as possible, but not more than 48 hours, after such actions have been taken.

E. Change of Address. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of a change in address.

F. Change in Ownership. This permit is not assignable and terminates upon change of ownership of the improvements or control of the business entity. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer when a change in ownership or control of business entity is pending. Notification by the present holder and potential owner shall be executed using Form SF-299 Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities of Federal Lands, or Form FS-2700-3a, Holder Initiated Revocation of Existing Authorization, Request for a Special Use Permit. Upon receipt of the proper documentation, the authorized officer may issue a permit to the party who acquires ownership of, or a controlling interest in, the improvements or business entity.

IV. LIABILITY

For purposes of this section, "holder" includes the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, and contractors.

A. The holder assumes all risk of loss to the authorized improvements.

B. The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless for any violations incurred under any such laws and regulations or for judgments, claims, or demands assessed against the United States in connection with the holder's use or occupancy of the property. The holder's indemnification of the United States shall include any loss by personal injury, loss of life or damage to property in connection with the occupancy or use of the property during the term of this permit. Indemnification shall include, but is not limited to, the value of resources damaged or destroyed; the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation; fire suppression or other types of abatement costs; third party claims and judgments; and all administrative, interest, and other legal costs. This paragraph shall survive the termination or revocation of this authorization, regardless of cause.

C. The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and interests of the United States.

The holder shall be strictly liable (liability without proof of negligence) to the United States for any injury, loss, or damage arising under this authorization. Such strict liability shall be in the amount of \$1 million unless the Forest Supervisor determines at the time of issuance of this authorization that a lesser amount of strict liability is appropriate based upon a risk assessment for the use authorized by this instrument. Liability for injury, loss, or damage to the United States in excess of the prescribed amount of strict liability shall be determined under the general law of negligence.

D. In the event of any breach of the conditions of this authorization by the holder, the authorized officer may, on reasonable notice, cure the breach for the account at the expense of the holder. If the Forest Service at any time pays any sum of money or does any act which will require payment of money, or incurs any expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, in instituting, prosecuting, and/or defending any action or proceeding to enforce the United States rights hereunder, the sum or sums so paid by the United States, with all interests, costs and damages shall, at the election of the Forest Service, be deemed to be additional fees hereunder and shall be due from the holder to the Forest Service on the first day of the month following such election.

E. With respect to roads, the holder shall be proportionally liable for damages to all roads and trails of the United States open to public use caused by the holder's use to the same extent as provided above, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

F. The Forest Service has no duty to inspect the permit area or to warn of hazards and, if the Forest Service does inspect the permit area, it shall incur no additional duty nor liability for identified or non-identified hazards. This covenant may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

V. TERMINATION, REVOCATION, AND SUSPENSION

A. General. For purposes of this permit, "termination", "revocation", and "suspension" refer to the cessation of uses and privileges under the permit.

"Termination" refers to the cessation of the permit under its own terms without the necessity for any decision or action by the authorized officer. Termination occurs automatically when, by the terms of the permit, a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time occurs. For example, the permit terminates at expiration. Terminations are not appealable.

"Revocation" refers to an action by the authorized officer to end the permit because of noncompliance with any of the prescribed terms, or for reasons in the public interest. Revocations are appealable.

"Suspension" refers to a revocation which is temporary and the privileges may be restored upon the occurrence of prescribed actions or conditions. Suspensions are appealable.

B. Revocation or Suspension. The Forest Service may suspend or revoke this permit in whole or part for:

1. Noncompliance with Federal, State, or local laws and regulations.
2. Noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
3. Reasons in the public interest.
4. Abandonment or other failure of the holder to otherwise exercise the privileges granted.

C. Opportunity to Take Corrective Action. Prior to revocation or suspension for cause pursuant to Section V (B), the authorized officer shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for each action and a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, to complete the corrective action prescribed by the authorized officer.

D. Removal of Improvements. Prior to abandonment of the improvements or within a reasonable time following revocation or termination of this authorization, the holder shall prepare, for approval by the authorized officer, an abandonment plan for the permit area. The abandonment plan shall address removal of improvements and restoration of the permit area and prescribed time frames for these actions. If the holder fails to remove the improvements or restore the site within the prescribed time period, they become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. However, the holder shall remain liable for all cost associated with their removal, including costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the site.

VI. FEES

A. Termination for Nonpayment. This permit shall automatically terminate without the necessity of prior notice when land use rental fees are 90 calendar days from the due date in arrears.

B. The holder shall pay annually in advance a sum determined by the Forest Service to be the fair market value of the use granted by this authorization. Payments shall be determined by the use of an annual fee schedule. The Forest Service may adjust the amount of payment annually by an appropriate indexing factor to reflect more nearly the fair market value of the use. At certain intervals the Forest Service shall review the fee and adjust the fee as necessary to assure that it is commensurate with the fair market value of the authorized rights and privileges, as determined by appraisal or other sound business management principles.

C. Payment Due Date. The payment due date shall be the close of business on December 31 of each calendar year payment is due. Payments in the form of a check, draft, or money order are payable to USDA, Forest Service. Payments shall be credited on the date received by the designated Forest Service collection officer or deposit location. If the due date for the fee or fee calculation statement falls on a non-workday, the charges shall not apply until the close of business on the next workday.

D. Late Payment Interest, Administrative Costs and Penalties Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717, et seq., interest shall be charged on any fee amount not paid within 30 days from the date the fee or fee calculation financial statement specified in this authorization becomes due. The rate of interest assessed shall be the higher of the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury

(i.e., Treasury tax and loan account rate), as prescribed and published by the Secretary of the Treasury in the Federal Register and the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual Bulletins annually or quarterly or at the Prompt Payment Act rate. Interest on the principal shall accrue from the date the fee or fee calculation financial statement is due.

In the event the account becomes delinquent, administrative costs to cover processing and handling of the delinquency will be assessed.

A penalty of 6 percent per annum shall be assessed on the total amount delinquent in excess of 90 days and shall accrue from the same date on which interest charges begin to accrue.

Payments will be credited on the date received by the designated collection officer or deposit location. If the due date for the fee or fee calculation statement falls on a non-workday, the charges shall not apply until the close of business on the next workday.

Disputed fees are due and payable by the due date. No appeal of fees will be considered by the Forest Service without full payment of the disputed amount. Adjustments, if necessary, will be made in accordance with settlement terms or the appeal decision.

If the fees become delinquent, the Forest Service will:

Liquidate any security or collateral provided by the authorization.

If no security or collateral is provided, the authorization will terminate and the holder will be responsible for delinquent fees as well as any other costs of restoring the site to its original condition including hazardous waste cleanup.

Upon termination or revocation of the authorization, delinquent fees and other charges associated with the authorization will be subject to all rights and remedies afforded the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3711 *et seq.* Delinquencies may be subject to any or all of the following conditions:

Administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

Delinquencies in excess of 60 days shall be referred to United States Department of Treasury for appropriate collection action as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3711 (g), (1).

The Secretary of the Treasury may offset an amount due the debtor for any delinquency as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3720, *et seq.*)

VII. OTHER PROVISIONS

A. Members of Congress. No Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except when the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

B. Appeals and Remedies. Any discretionary decisions or determinations by the authorized officer are subject to the appeal regulations at 36 CFR 251, Subpart C, or revisions thereto.

C. Superior Clauses. In the event of any conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses or any provision thereof and any of the following clauses or any provision thereof, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

The holder shall be responsible for the prevention and control of noxious weeds and/or exotic plants of concern on the area authorized by this authorization and shall provide prevention and control measures prescribed by the Forest Service. Noxious weeds/exotic plants of concern are defined as those species recognized by the (county weed authority/national forest) in which the authorized use is located.

The holder shall also be responsible for prevention and control of noxious weed/exotic plant infestations which are not within the authorized area, but which are determined by the Forest Service to have originated with the authorized area.

When determined to be necessary by the authorized officer, the holder shall develop a site-specific plan for noxious weed/exotic plant prevention and control. Such plan shall be subject to Forest Service approval. Upon Forest Service approval, the noxious weed/exotic plant prevention and control plan shall become a part of this authorization, and its provisions shall be enforceable under the terms of this authorization.

The holder shall use only hay, grain, straw, pelletized feed, or mulch certified as noxious weed seed-free by a state Department of Agriculture or other authorized county official. The holder shall provide documentation of such certification to the authorized officer.

A. Nondiscrimination (B-1)

1. The holder and its employees shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex (in educational activities), national origin, age, or disability or by curtailing or refusing to furnish accommodations, facilities, services, or use privileges offered to the public generally. In addition, the holder and its employees shall comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.

2. The holder shall include and require compliance with the above nondiscrimination provisions in any third-party agreement made with respect to the operations authorized under this permit.

3. The Forest Service shall furnish signs setting forth this policy of nondiscrimination. These signs shall be conspicuously displayed at the public entrance to the premises and at other exterior or interior locations, as directed by the Forest Service.

4. The Forest Service shall have the right to enforce the foregoing nondiscrimination provisions by suit for specific performance or by any other available remedy under the laws of the United States or the State in which the violation occurs.

B. Insurance (B10). The holder shall have in force public liability insurance covering a combined single limit in the amount \$1,000,000.00. The minimum amount and terms are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer at the five-year anniversary date of this authorization. The coverage shall extend to property damage, bodily injury, or death rising out of the holder's activities under the authorization including, but not limited to, occupancy or use of the land and the construction, maintenance, and operation of the structures, facilities, or equipment permitted by this authorization. Such insurance shall also name the United States as additionally insured. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of its insurance policy to the Forest Service immediately upon issuance of the policy. The policy shall also contain a specific provision or rider to the effect that the policy shall not be cancelled or its provisions changed or deleted before thirty (30) days written notice to the authorized officer AT Laconia, New Hampshire by the insurance company.

C. Operating Plan (C8). The holder shall provide an Operating Plan and revise the plan every 5 years. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or designated representative and cover operation and maintenance of facilities, dates or season of operations,

and other information required by the authorized officer to manage and evaluate the occupation and/or use of National Forest System lands. The provisions of the Operating Plan and the annual revisions shall become a part of this authorization and shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or their designated representative(s). This Operating Plan is hereby made a part of the authorization.

D. Surveys, Land Corners (D4). The holder shall protect, in place, all public land survey monuments, private property corners, and Forest boundary markers. In the event that any such land markers or monuments are destroyed in the exercise of the privileges permitted by this authorization, depending on the type of monument destroyed, the holder shall see that they are reestablished or referenced in accordance with (1) the procedures outlined in the "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Land of the United States," (2) the specifications of the county surveyor, or (3) the specifications of the Forest Service.

Further, the holder shall cause such official survey records as are affected to be amended as provided by law. Nothing in this clause shall relieve the holder's liability for the willful destruction or modification of any Government survey marker as provided at 18 U.S.C. 1858.

E. Revegetation of Ground Cover and Surface Restoration (D9). The holder shall be responsible for prevention and control of soil erosion and gully on lands covered by this authorization and adjacent thereto, resulting from construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the authorized use. The holder shall so construct permitted improvements to avoid the accumulation of excessive heads of water and to avoid encroachment on streams. The holder shall revegetate or otherwise stabilize all ground where the soil has been exposed as a result of the holder's construction, maintenance, operation, or termination of the authorized use and shall construct and maintain necessary preventive measures to supplement the vegetation.

F. Pesticide Use (D23). Pesticides may not be used to control undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation, aquatic plants, insects, rodents, trash fish, etc., without the prior written approval of the Forest Service. A request for approval of planned uses of pesticides will be submitted annually by the holder on the due date established by the authorized officer. The report will cover a 12-month period of planned use beginning 3 months after the reporting date. Information essential for review will be provided in the form specified. Exceptions to this schedule may be allowed, subject to emergency request and approval, only when unexpected outbreaks of pests require control measures which were not anticipated at the time an annual report was submitted.

Only those materials registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the specific purpose planned will be considered for use on National Forest System lands. Label instructions will be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers.

G. Right-of-Way Clearing, Powerline (F15). The holder shall clear designated parts of the powerline right-of-way and keep them clear as required by the Forest Service; shall trim all branches of trees in contact with or near the line; shall remove all dead snags and all trees which are leaning toward the line on or adjacent to the right-of-way; and shall observe such other fire precautions as may be required; but all waste material shall be burned or otherwise disposed of to the satisfaction of the Forest Service. The clearing width shall be restricted to that necessary for safe transmission, unless the specific permission of the Forest Service for a greater clearing width is obtained.

H. Protection of Habitat of Endangered, Threatened, and Sensitive Species (X8). Location of areas needing special measures for protection of plants or animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, or as sensitive by the Regional Forester under authority of FSM 2670, derived from ESA Section 7 consultation, may be shown on a separate map, hereby made a part of this authorization, or identified on the ground.

Protective and mitigative measures specified by the authorized officer shall be the responsibility of the authorization holder.

If protection measures prove inadequate, if other such areas are discovered, or if new species are listed as Federally threatened or endangered or as sensitive by the Regional Forester, the authorized officer may specify additional protection regardless of when such facts become known. Discovery of such areas by either party shall be promptly reported to the other party.

I. Archaeological-Paleontological Discoveries (X17). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of any and all antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest. These include, but are not limited to, historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered as the result of operations under this authorization, and shall leave such discoveries intact until authorized to proceed by the authorized officer. Protective and mitigative measures specified by the authorized officer shall be the responsibility of the holder.

J. Improvement Relocation (X33). This authorization is granted with the express understanding that should future location of United States Government-owned improvements or road rights-of-way require the relocation of the holder's improvements, such relocation will be done by, and at the expense of, the holder within a reasonable time as specified by the authorized officer.

K. Powerline Change Application (X48). The holder agrees that no substantial change or alteration shall be made in the design, location, construction, voltage, or capacity of this line until application for such change shall have been submitted to and approved by the authorized officer.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0082.


This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate requests to use National Forest System lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing National Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue authorizations for the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. The Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, establish procedures for issuing those authorizations.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service. Public reporting burden for collection of information, if requested, is estimated to average 1 hour per response for annual financial information; average 1 hour per response to prepare or update operation and/or maintenance plan; average 1 hour per response for inspection reports; and an average of 1 hour for each request that may include such things as reports, logs, facility and user information, sublease information, and other similar miscellaneous information requests. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set out above.

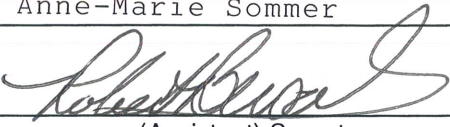
Date April 2, 2007 *CORPORATE NAME

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
(CORPORATE SEAL)

By: 
(Vice) President

JOHN M. MACDONALD
VP E.D. & GEN-PSNH

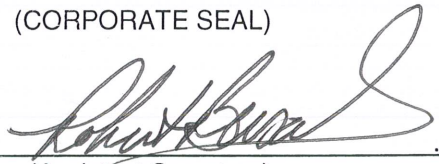
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(Assistant) Secretary

The following certificate shall be executed by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Corporation:

I Robert A. Bersak certify that I am the Assistant Secretary of the Corporation that executed the above permit; that John MacDonald who signed said permit on behalf of said Corporation was then VP-ED & Gen. of said Corporation; that I know his/her signature on said permit is genuine; and that said permit was duly signed, sealed, and attested to for and on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
(CORPORATE SEAL)

By: 
(Assistant Secretary)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

By: 
(Authorized Officer Signature)

Thomas G. Wagner FS
(Name and Title)

4/6/07
(Date)