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Honorable Wally Herger
United States House of Representatives
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act Collaboration

Dear Representative Herger and Senator Feinstein:

As directed in Section 401(i) of the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act, as amended (the “Act”), the undersigned have engaged in a collaborative process, with the assistance of a facilitator, to determine whether modifications to the Pilot Project are appropriate for the remainder of the Pilot Project.

Please be advised that the undersigned have not reached agreement on whether modifications to the Pilot Project are appropriate and will not be jointly recommending changes to the Pilot Project at this time. Accordingly, we mutually have ended the collaboration process specified in the Act.

The Forest Service will convene one or more meetings with stakeholders annually to discuss current and out-year plans of work (“POWs”) and to seek stakeholders’ input on the design of projects in the HFQLG planning area. They expect to initiate these stakeholder meetings beginning this fall for the 2010 and 2011-2012 POWs. The Quincy Library Group and Sierra Forest Legacy have indicated their intention to participate in these stakeholder meetings and to continue participating in the review and analysis of projects proposed by the Forest Service for the HFQLG planning area.

Nothing should be implied or construed from this letter about modifications to the Pilot Project or continuation of the Pilot Project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

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