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Interested Party:

This letter is to update you on the status of the Slinky Timber Sale Project on the Clackamas River Ranger District. The Project area is located within T. 6 S., R. 7 E., W.M., Clackamas County, Oregon. The proposal involves 184 acres of regeneration harvest.

The legal notice for the 30-day comment period on the Slinky proposed action was published in the Oregonian on June 30, 2003. I have considered the substantive comments received and an Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice have been prepared. I have decided to select the proposed action, Alternative B. A copy of the Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice can be downloaded from the Forest web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/ in the Forest Projects section. The Responsible Official is Kathryn J. Silverman, Acting Forest Supervisor.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Any individual or organization who submitted substantive comments during the comment period may appeal. Any appeal of this decision must be in writing and fully consistent with the content requirements described in 36 CFR 215.14. The Appeal Deciding Officer is Linda Goodman, Regional Forester. An appeal should be addressed to the Regional Forester at any of the following addresses. Postal: ATTN.: 1570 APPEALS, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623; Street location for hand delivery: 333 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Portland, OR (office hours: 8-4:30 M-F); fax: 503-808-2255; or Email: appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us.

The Appeal, including attachments, must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the date legal notice of this decision was published in the Oregonian. The Appeal is due by November 13, 2003.

For further information regarding these appeal procedures, contact the Forest Environmental Coordinator Mike Redmond at (503) 668-1700. The new comment and appeal rule 36 CFR 215, (2003) is available on the following web site - <u>http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/36cfr215.htm</u>.

Sincerely,

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**KATHRYN J. SILVERMAN** Acting Forest Supervisor

