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Division of Forest Resources

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USDA FSA
ATTN: Tim Jones
Raleigh, NC

Dear ~~Mr. Jones~~ Tim:

Based on the NOFA and Notice BCAP-2 pertaining to the BCAP program, I approve of the following plan requirements, for eligible material owners, of eligible material that has been removed from nonindustrial private forestland:

- Forests managed under a current Forest Stewardship Plan
- Forests managed under a Tree Farm Plan
- Forests certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) or the American Tree Farm program
- Forests enrolled in the Forest Legacy program
- Forests managed under a plan prepared by a:
  - North Carolina Registered Forester
  - Society of American Foresters Certified Forester
  - NC Division of Forest Resources (NCDFR) approved standing timber plan writer
  - NC Forest Stewardship Program approved plan writer
  - Association of Consulting Foresters member
  - Sustainable Forestry Initiative member (SFI)

When a plan is prepared by a person who is not participating in the above mentioned programs, the State Forester or his agent will require an opportunity to review the plan to insure that the plan utilizes state BMP's, follows Forest Practice Guideline rules and addresses sustainability before harvesting.

If eligible material from nonindustrial private forestland does not fit one of the categories listed above, it can become eligible for BCAP funding if the eligible material owner has a management plan produced, as per guidance above, prior to the biomass harvest. The eligible material owner may also seek eligibility of a forest by requesting a Forest Practices Guidelines (FPGs) Related to Water Quality compliance check through their local NCDFR office. Once requested, NCDFR staff will conduct an FPG exam pre and/or post-harvest and provide the eligible material owner with a copy of the FPG verification form. (Allow at least one weeks notice before harvesting begins for a pre-harvest exam).

Sincerely,

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