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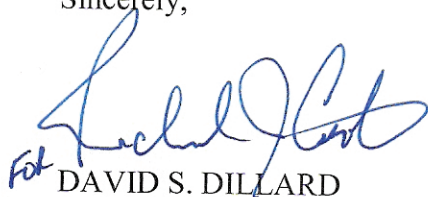
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Dear Mr. Colburn:

On June 10, 2008, we received your letter dated June 4, 2008, requesting an update on the status of the upper Chattooga River planning process being carried out as directed in Reviewing Officer Gloria Manning's Sumter National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Appeal Decision, dated April 28, 2005. On June 9, 2008, Ms. Manning approved Acting Regional Forester Jane Cottrell's request to extend the timeline to reach a decision on the upper Chattooga Wild and Scenic River to December 31, 2008.

Should you have any specific questions regarding the upper Chattooga River planning process and status of the decision, please contact Acting Regional Forester Jane Cottrell at (208) 983-7000.

Sincerely,



DAVID S. DILLARD

Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination

cc: Region 8 Appeals  
Gloria Manning  
Jane L Cottrell

