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Dear Interested Public:

I am seeking your input on the proposed Marilla Too Project, located on the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The Marilla Too Project proposes various activities, including wildlife habitat improvement projects; aspen and red pine timber harvest treatments; white pine planting; and non-native invasive plant species control on National Forest System lands within the Marilla Too Project Area. **The purpose of this letter is to invite you to comment on this proposed project and help identify issues, concerns, or opportunities associated with this project and the area surrounding it.** From your comments, we will develop alternatives to the proposed action that meet the goals and objectives of the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan.

Alternatives to the proposed action will be developed during the next few months. **It would be most helpful if we receive your comments by January 15, 2010;** however, comments will be accepted any time during the planning process. As the Responsible Official for this project, I will use this analysis to decide whether or not to approve these activities on National Forest System lands or whether or not to prepare a more detailed Environmental Impact Statement.

If you would like to give input beyond the comment sheet, or have questions regarding the proposal, please contact Patricia O'Connell, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District; Telephone: 231-723-2211 ext. 3119, Fax: 231-723-8642, email: [poconnell@fs.fed.us](mailto:poconnell@fs.fed.us). The Marilla Too Project scoping letter and map can also be viewed electronically at: [www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/PlanningandProjects/cm.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/PlanningandProjects/cm.htm). All responses received (including names and addresses) will become part of the public file. This information will be made available to the public, upon request.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger

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