

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

KURT J. MEISTER,)	CIVIL ACTION
)	No. 07-13008
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
TOM VILSACK, SECRETARY,)	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, <u>et al.</u> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

FIFTH DECLARATION OF JIM A. THOMPSON

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury:

1. I am employed by the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and currently serve as the District Ranger for the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests (HMNF), Manistee, Michigan. I have been employed by USDA for approximately 25 years. Since January 1, 2012, I have supervised and provided oversight to the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) and all activities related to the completion of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) and the Record of Decision (ROD).
2. This declaration provides information to supplement and update the information in the previous declarations submitted on January 7, 2011; February 15, 2011; April 1, 2011; May 29, 2011; July 28, 2011; September 28, 2011; November 23, 2011; January 30, 2012; March 23, 2012; April 17, 2012; and April 18, 2012. It also describes the

activities that have occurred since the last declaration.

3. The Administrative Appeal period for the ROD for Amendment No. 1 to the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Huron-Manistee National Forests ended on May 29, 2012. A total of four Administrative Appeals were received from the following individuals or groups: (1) Bill Manson, Executive Director for the Michigan Snowmobile Association, Appeal # 12-13-00-1149; (2) David Miehlike, Appeal # 12-13-00-1150; (3) Kurt Meister, Appeal # 12-13-00-1151; (4) Amy Trotter, Resource Policy Manager for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Appeal # 12-13-00-1152. *See Attached*

4. For a period not to exceed 20 days following the filing of a notice of appeal, the reviewing officer shall accept requests to intervene in the appeal from any interested or potentially affected person or organization. To date no requests have been received.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing (Paragraphs 1-3) are true and correct.
Executed this 5th day of June of 2012.



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