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Dear Forest User:

I would like to inform you that I have signed the Final Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Union County Target Range Project on the Blue Ridge Ranger District, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, Georgia.

I have chosen ***Alternative 2: The Proposed Action***, for implementation. This decision consists of authorizing Union County Government to construct a target range on National Forest lands. The proposed site for this project is located off Highway 180 between mile markers 18 and 19 on Land lot 212, District 16, Section 1 south of FS Road 292 and consists of approximately 15 acres of National Forest land. The Selected Alternative will meet the purpose and need for action. Union County Government will be the special use permit holder and will assume the responsibility of funding, maintenance and operation of the target range. The Selected Alternative includes construction of a new access road from Highway 180, a parking lot, restroom facilities, storage facilities, a clubhouse, and a rifle and pistol range with shooting booths and earthen berms for back and side safety barriers.

The DN discusses in detail my decision and rationale for reaching my decision. A copy of the DN and FONSI are available upon request or can be downloaded in PDF format from the Forest's website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54559>.

This decision was subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, and a legal notice of the opportunity to object was published on August 7, 2019, in the North Georgia News and News Observer newspapers and sent to those who provided comments during the project's development. Twenty-nine objections filed during the 45-day objection period were processed by the objection reviewing officer.

Thank you for your time and interest in the management activities of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests.

Sincerely,



ANDREW BAKER
District Ranger

cc: Nelson E. González-Süllow, Jerome Bennett

