



Date: March 15, 2022

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Dear Mr. Holsinger and Mr. Wudtke,

This letter and enclosure are in response to your November 19, 2021 *Request for Correction of Information* submitted to the U.S. Forest Service, relating to:

Graham, Russell T.; Battaglia, Mike A.; Jain, Theresa B. 2021. *A scenario-based assessment to inform sustainable ponderosa pine timber harvest on the Black Hills National Forest*. Gen. Tech. Rep. **RMRS-GTR-422**. Fort Collins, CO: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. 61 p. February 2021.

Your *Request for Correction of Information* was submitted on November 19, 2021, in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Information Quality Act (IQA); Public Law 106-554-&515 and the USDA Information Quality (IQ) Guidelines. The petition was filed under the USDA Guidelines for Regulatory Information. On November 24, 2021, the Forest Service acknowledged receipt of your *Request for Correction of Information*. On January 18, 2022, the Forest Service informed you that a 60-day extension was needed to properly process your *Request for Correction of Information*. The enclosed response is provided within the 60-day extension.

The Forest Service carefully reviewed each of the six topics requested for correction. The Forest Service has determined that corrections will not be issued and the request for these corrections is not approved for various reasons. Detailed explanations are provided in the enclosed response. The model is available upon request to run scenarios using additional parameters and may be helpful to management wishing to evaluate alternate model outputs.

The USDA Guidelines for Information Quality also offer the option to submit a Request for Reconsideration (RFR). The RFR must be received within 45 days after the date of this letter transmitting our decision on your original request for correction. An RFR filed after the 45-day deadline may be denied as untimely. The RFR should reference this letter and its enclosure. Additional requirements and information for an RFR are listed in the USDA correction of information website: <https://www.usda.gov/ocio/guidelines-and-compliance-resources/information-quality-activities/correction-of-information>.



An RFR may be submitted to the following email address:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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