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Revision Team

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Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for your emails of June 23, 2014 and July 13, 2014. We have considered your request for holding formal public comment meetings. After this consideration we do not plan on holding formal public comment meetings based on these factors:

1. There are a number of ways the public can provide comments on the Proposed Revised Land Management Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement;
2. Information is summarized on the plan revision web site at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3793222.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3793222.pdf), and <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=31195>;
3. Since the Draft Release, we have continued to engage the public through media outreach, a webinar, and answering questions over the phone and by email;
4. When county governments and interest groups, including yours, originally requested an extension of the comment period, the Regional Forester considered a 30, 60, or 90 day extension. Based on a number of factors, including the complexity of the plan revision effort, he settled on 60 days as the appropriate extension. We support that decision and would recommend that he continue with the plan to end the comment period on August 15, 2014.

Thank you for your interest in the National Forests of the Blue Mountains.

Sincerely,

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