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RE: Navy Timber Sale – Scoping Comments

Dear Mr. Bschor:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reviewed the USDA Forest Service, December 7, 2005, request for scoping comments on the proposed use of helicopters to access inventory plots in wilderness. The Forest Service identified three key issues and outlined six alternatives that will be analyzed in an environmental assessment (EA). Based on the information available NMFS determined that the proposed action should not impact NMFS trust resources. Therefore, we offer no scoping comments on this action.

NMFS may offer comments on the EA during public review. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Hartmann at 907-586-7585.

Sincerely,

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