

27 May 1952

Mr. Charles A. Connaughton
Regional Forester
U. S. Forest Service, Region 8
Peachtree and Seventh Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 6 May 1952 in which you transmitted the special use permit for the construction, operation and maintenance of a railroad across National Forest land in Carteret County and Craven County, North Carolina. The issuance of this permit by you is sincerely appreciated.

It is understood that the Forest Service intends to sell timber and logs cut in the clearing of the right of way by the Navy or its contractors, and this office has also been advised that the Forest Service is contemplating the sale of merchantable timber located on the right of way. Attention is invited to the fact that the Navy contractor is obligated to clear and grub approximately 60 feet of the right of way, and it is believed that considerable expense will be involved in the event it becomes necessary for the Navy to assume the obligation of clearing tops and limbs from other areas within the right of way on which the Forest Service contemplates cutting and selling timber.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will advise this office whether or not the Forest Service intends to clear the areas of tops and limbs where timber is sold by you. It is not contemplated that the Navy will assume the additional cost of clearing tops and limbs from such areas in view of the limitation of funds and the lack of necessity for such clearances for railroad purposes. In order that this office may know definitely as to the Navy's responsibility for the clearances of areas to be cut by the Forest Service, a prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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District Public Works Officer

copy to:
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