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Appeal Deciding Officer
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Dear Ms. Goodman,

Bark has agreed to withdraw its appeal of the Wildcat CE Thinning Timber Sale due to the following agreement reached between Daina Bambe, District Ranger on the Hood River Ranger District, and Alex P. Brown, Executive Director of Bark.

According to their agreement, in exchange for the voluntary withdrawal of Bark's appeal the following changes will be made to the original decision (dated December 5, 2005):

- Approximately 1-2 acres of forest in the western corner of Unit 1 will be deleted from the unit to provide for protection of an area with key legacy features (concentration of old, large downed logs). These acres are described as following the contour above the un-named creek currently outside of the Unit's western boundary and on the slope that terminates in the un-named creek. The boundary will be redrawn to more closely match the fall line above the creek.
- Bark will work with Mt. Hood National Forest field staff in inventorying (including mapping or GPS'ing of locations) and marking all significant (as determined by Bark) snags within Unit 6 prior to logging.
- Within three months (or when weather conditions permit) of the completion of all logging activities in the Wildcat CE project, appropriate Mt. Hood National Forest staff will facilitate a field tour with Bark representatives to observe post-logging conditions of: Unit 1 including the proposed 500 feet of "temporary" road and Unit 6 with special attention paid to the retention of snags.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent loop on the 'A' and a trailing flourish on the 'x'.

Alex P. Brown
Executive Director